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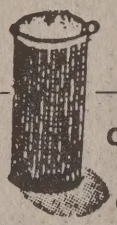

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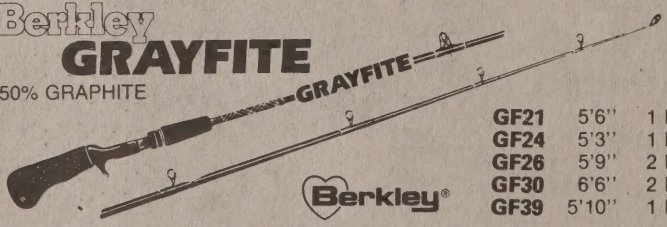

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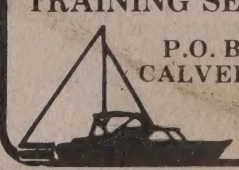

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Senator Owen Johnson, supporter of the bill in the Senate recently told us that the bill is moving along well, but that we need an outcry of support if we are going to move this bill past Senator Ken LaValle. Remember, the bill has already passed the Assembly.

People, this is a real opportunity to help ourselves. Opportunities once overlooked are lost. If you care, write to your Senator and Senator Johnson today. With your help we can get this job done. Simply say:

You support the Parklands Bill, S.3220 in order to protect recreational users from exploitive use of taxpayer supported parks.

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If you could send a copy of the letter you write to your Senator either to us or Senator Johnson, that would also be helpful.

Thanks for your interest and support! We know you'd rather go fishing right now, but we must show the state Senate that we are a powerful force and are concerned about the access and fisheries we love.

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For the seventh consecutive year 100 children between the ages of 8 and 14 will spend a day fishing off of the 69th Street Pier. Parents or guardians are welcome to come and sit on the dock of the bay to make it a family outing. According to Marty Gazzani, who is organizing the outing, the children will be chaparoned by members of a Bay Ridge fishing club formally organized as the Lower Bay Anglers. The 15 member organization maintains some of the best fishermen in the area. These fishermen will supervise and share their experiences and know-how with the kids by giving talks and demonstrations about the sport.

The fishing day is Saturday, May 31st, from 8AM to 1PM. It will take place on the 69th St. Pier (at Shore Road and Bay Ridge Avenue), an area which generally provides flounder, blackfish, fluke, eels, bluefish and striped bass.

Registration for the fishing day is necessary. The first 100 children from 8 to 14 years of age who are registered will be participants. This outing is free; there is absolutely no fee or obligation for registration or participation. Registration must be done by a parent or guardian, by signing a release form available at Jameson Variety Shop, 6824 Fourth Avenue (corner of Bay Ridge Ave.). Registration will begin on May 24 and continue through May 30th.

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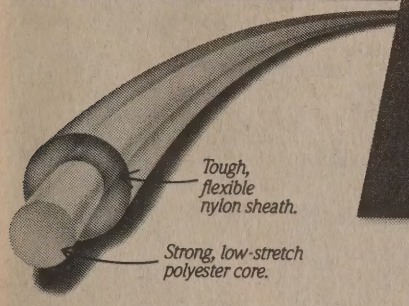

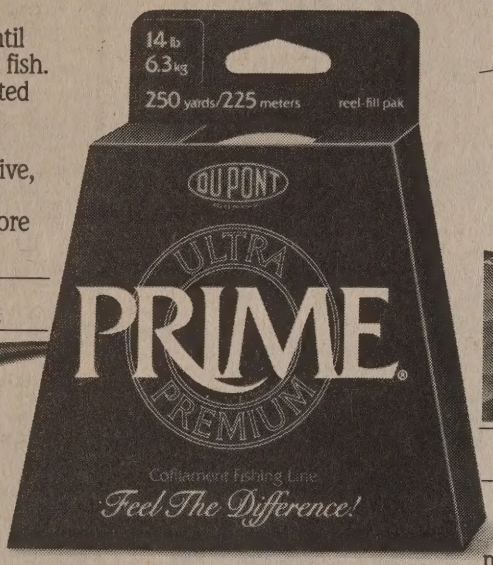

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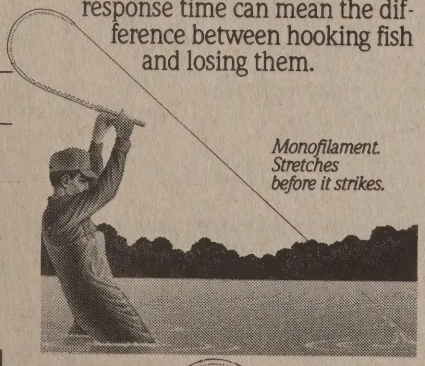

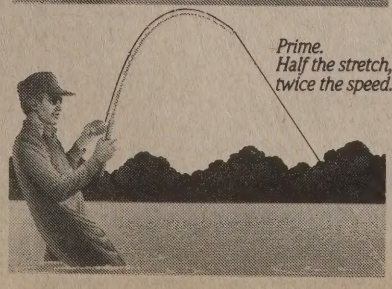

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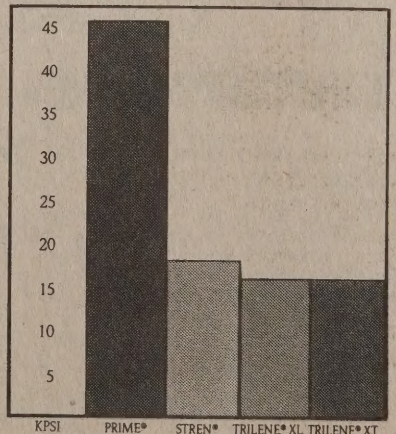

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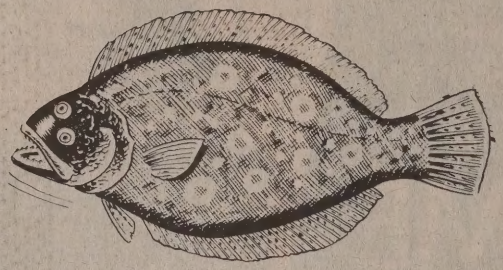

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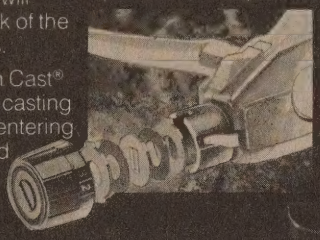

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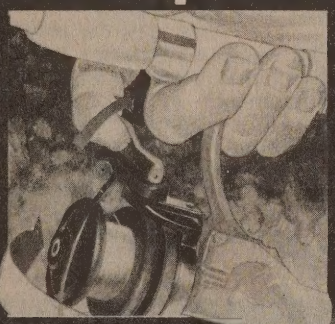

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Columbia University geochemists have found that although New York City drinking water during last summer's drought met current state and federal guidelines, the addition of treated Hudson River water increased toxic chlorination byproducts an average of 30 percent and raised levels of dissolved PCB concentration six to seven times above normal.

The use of chlorinated Hudson River water, even in relatively small quantities "clearly degrades the quality of the final, treated product," they said. Results of the study, which was funded by the Hudson River Foundation for Science and Environmental Research, and conducted with the help of the New York City Department of Environmental Protection, were provided to the city last month.

The 60 page report shows substantially higher concentrations of toxic chlorinated compounds in treated water from the Hudson than in the high-quality water from the city's Delaware System. It is the first study of these toxic constituents in New York City water designed to provide high sensitivity measurements on undiluted supplies. Other water quality studies have dealt mainly with assessment of final, blended tap water only.

In order to achieve maximum analytical sensitivity, scientists from Columbia's Lamont-Doherty Geological Observatory analyzed water samples from the Hudson River at Chelsea, N.Y. and from the Roundout Reservoir of the Delaware System before the two sources were mixed. The study's authors, Bruce Deck, James Simpson and Richard Bopp, analyzed chlorination byproducts in treated water from Chelsea, conducted laboratory chlorination experiments with both Hudson and Delaware water, and measured levels of dissolved PCBs (polychlorinated biphenyls) in treated and untreated Hudson River water.

The study was not designed to quantify health risks from toxic substances, but rather to determine chemical characteristics of major components of the city's water supply during 1985.

During the 1985 drought emergency, 13 billion gallons of chlorinated Hudson River water were pumped into the municipal network in response to seriously depleted reservoir storage volumes resulting from very low runoff in the Upper Delaware and Catskill watersheds during the previous winter and spring. Between July and December 1985, Hudson water from the Chelsea pumping station 60 miles north of Manhattan accounted for about seven percent of the total supply to the city.

Chlorine is routinely added to public water supplies throughout the U.S. and much of the rest of the world to kill bacteria. When chlorine is added to purify river water, it initiates the formation of new compounds, including a group called trihalomethanes (THMs), the best known of which is chloroform. Laboratory animal studies have demonstrated that some of these chlorinated compounds cause cancer. Natural dissolved organic substances, which are not toxic, react with chlorine and are converted to THMs and other chlorinated compounds.

The potential dangers of chlorinating water were relatively unknown until about a decade ago. Since then, the federal government has established maximum concentration levels that allow 100 parts per billion of THMs in water for large municipal supplies.

The Columbia scientists found that Roundout Reservoir water produced only 30-35 parts per billion of THMs in laboratory chlorination experiments. However, samples of treated Hudson River water from Chelsea, prior to dilution with Delaware System water, yielded approximately 200 parts per billion of THMs. In the Lamont-Doherty experiments, total

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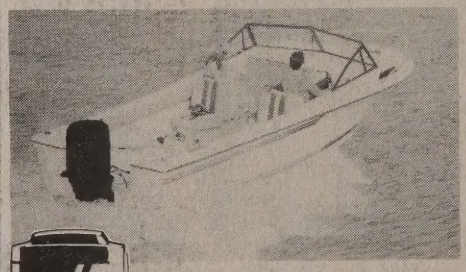

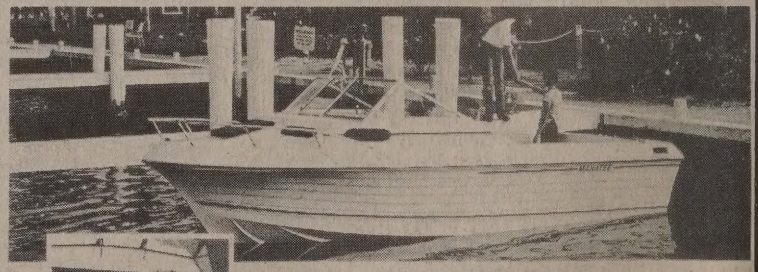

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THM production after four days was five to six times higher for Hudson River water at Chelsea than for Roundout Reservoir water. No measurable concentrations of THMs were found in either Hudson or Roundout samples prior to chlorination.

"We've provided the data that shows the level of toxic compounds in treated water from the Hudson is substantially greater than in treated reservoir water from the Delaware System," said Dr. Simpson, professor of geological sciences at Lamont-Doherty. "Minimizing toxic chlorination byproducts in the future would involve using raw water sources that generate THMs at the lowest feasible concentration level."

PCBs are present in large amounts in the tidal Hudson above New York City primarily because of long-term discharges prior to 1976 from two General Electric capacitor plants along the river, Dr. Simpson said. Measuring low levels of dissolved PCBs, such as the concentrations in the Hudson samples from Chelsea, is difficult because of the extremely large volumes of the samples and complicated analytical procedures needed to make an accurate determination.

The Columbia scientists found, however, that the total dissolved PCB concentration in Hudson River water at Chelsea was reduced after chlorination to 14 parts per trillion, well below the permissible state guidelines, but approximately 80 times greater than for the untreated high-quality supply of the Delaware and Catskill Systems.

The scientists concluded that chlorinated Hudson River water contains "substantially higher quantities" of toxic compounds than treated water from the Delaware System, both as the result of PCBs already present in the raw water source, and compounds such as THMs that are generated during treatment.

"If seven percent Hudson River water with 5 to 6 times greater total THM production potential and 80 times more dissolved PCBs is mixed with 93 percent of water having the very high quality of Delaware System supplies, the resultant mixture would be about 30 percent greater in chlorination byproducts and 6 to 7 times higher in dissolved PCBs than treated Delaware System water alone," the report states.

While Hudson River water is no longer being pumped into the city's supply, the Hudson has been proposed as a major permanent source of New York City water. "Any plans for future expanded use of the Hudson for New York City drinking water should include an evaluation of the potential impact of these toxic compounds," said Dr. Bopp.

Doctors Bopp and Deck, both associate research scientists, and Dr. Simpson have applied to the Hudson River Foundation for further funding to continue studies on sources of toxic chlorinated compounds in water from the Hudson River drainage basin.

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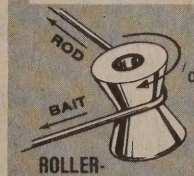

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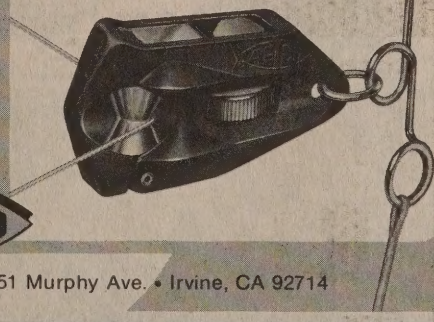

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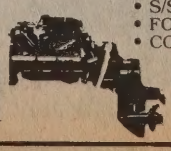

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Dear Fred,

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I quit fishing saltwater because of the lack of skill required, this after winning many trophies and medals in the Schaeffer tournaments, etc. I don't want to read Field and Stream for freshwater articles. Come on Llers, open your eyes to the challenge of freshwater fishing. *Howie Klerk, Jr.*

Dear Howie,

Many other readers have expressed a desire for expanded freshwater coverage. With the addition of our Freshwater Report (Tom Schlichter) last season, and the current increase in freshwater feature articles, we feel we are better meeting the needs of those intent on trout, bass, pickerel, etc.

Thanks to the tremendous growth we have been enjoying, we have been able to increase the freshwater content without any reduction in saltwater coverage. In fact, this same growth has enabled us to increase the average number of saltwater features as well. Many Long Island anglers enjoy the opportunities that both types of angling present to us. In fact, most of your better fishermen are well schooled in both pursuits. Many of the same strategies, techniques, etc., overlap both fisheries and it's the wise angler who adapts his freshwater skills to the briny and vice versa. Sincerely, Fred Golofaro.

A HERO IN OUR MIDST

Dear Editor:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter I sent to the Moriches Coast Guard, asking them to officially recognize Anthony Clemens of Patchogue, NY for saving three lives during a boating accident in April. Anything that you can do to expedite such an award from the Coast Guard, or any way you, at The Long Island Fisherman, would like to honor him, would be greatly appreciated. He surely deserves it! Sincerely yours, *Leonard Wolek.*

Dear Officer:

I am writing this letter to recommend Anthony Clemens of Patchogue, New York for an award from the Coast Guard for saving my life and the lives of two other men in a boating accident on April 27, 1985.

That morning, Jack Degel, Artie Tibus and I put out of Sea Tuck Cove Marina, Eastport, Long Island at 6:30 AM, with winds at about 7 miles per hour. As we headed for buoy 43 on Moriches Bay, the winds began to increase to about 50 miles per hour, and we decided to return to shore. We were heading into the wind and crested a wave. Suddenly, a gust of wind pushed the stern of the boat down, flooding the boat. As we clung to the side of the boat, a wave came to our port side and turned the boat over.

We saw another vessel about 25 yards away and shouted for help. Anthony Clemens quickly cut his anchor rope and came to our rescue. As I was the only one with a life preserver, An-

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thony fished my companions out of the water first. He then had to search the water for me. (I was unconscious by the time he reached me.) He brought us safely to shore where a medical squad he had radioed for was waiting to take us to the hospital.

Anthony Clemens should be commended for the bravery and excellent seamanship he exercised when rescuing us. He had the presence of mind to radio for a medical squad to meet us when we arrived at shore. Most importantly, he endangered his own life to save the lives of three others. I am sure you will agree that he deserves the highest honor you can bestow upon him. Sincerely yours, Leonard Wolek.

THE PROOF IS IN THE PICTURE

Dear Chum Lines:

I would like to share an experience that the Flounder Pounders, Bronx Chapter (Marty Hogan, John Scully and myself) had on a recent flounder trip.

We usually prowl the waters of the South Shore in search of flatties. However, twice a year (spring and fall) we make a trip to Hull, Mass. for three days of fishing.

We completed our spring trip on the weekend of April 25th. The weather was horrible the whole three days and the fishing was barely passable. However, we brought back a story that was almost worth the trip by itself.

Marty was curious to see how a little rod he had would handle Quincy flounder, so he began the day with it. When he did hook a flounder, he had a tough time getting the fish to the boat. We didn't have a net so John made a noble effort to grab what turned out to be a double header, one of which looked like a 3 lber. Unfortunately, the line snapped before we could get it into the skiff. To say the least, we were all depressed about losing such a beautiful catch.

Marty was still heartbroken an hour later when I pulled up the anchor to

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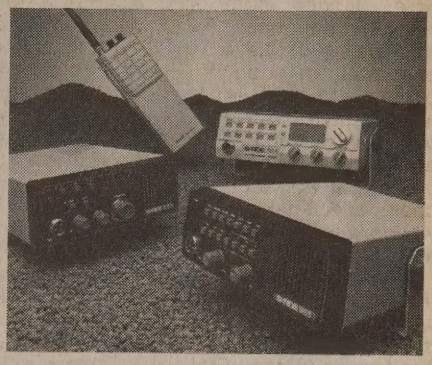

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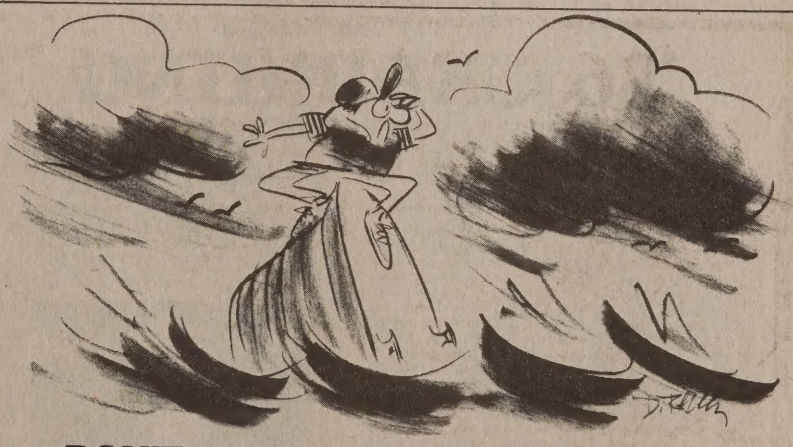

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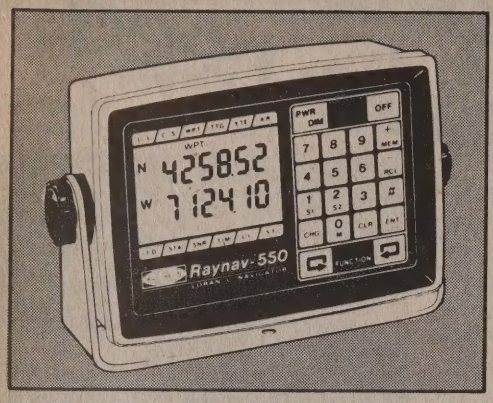

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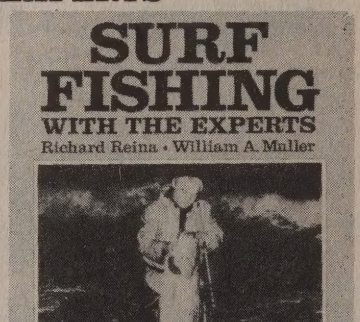

Finally, a surf book that lays bare all the nitty gritty secrets that help to explain why ten percent of the fishermen catch 90% of the fish! Although this book was authored mainly by Long Island Surf fishermen, there's much more to this book than a discussion of Long Island Surf fishing. Do you like to fish the beaches at Cape Cod, or have you dreamed of fishing there? Well then, this book has just what you need; a chapter devoted to the hows, whys, and whens or Cape Cod surf fishing by Frank Daignault. Perhaps Montauk is the spot that makes your blood boil. Yes, there's a chapter especially about this famous surf fishing spot too, authored by Fred Schwab whose been a "regular" there for about twenty years. The book is loaded with how-to chapters about gear you'll need to get started, casting techniques, the effect of winds, tides, and moon phases on surf fishing, how to use artificials and when, bait rigs and baitfishing techniques, as well as informative chapters about the history of surf fishing, how to start a surf fishing club, and how to successfully release fish. All of these chapters and more cover information and techniques that work on all beaches. This surf fishing book offers another bonus. Although a lot of attention is given to fishing for bass, blues, and weaks, there are also sections on surf fishing for fluke, flounder, blackfish (tautog), mackerel, whiting, kingfish, and porgies (scup). Most surf fishing books ignore these species, but not this book, because we know how many surf fishermen like to catch these fish for fun and the table. And ladies, we haven't forgotten you either. More and more women are enjoying surf fishing. We asked Joyce Daignault to write a chapter on this facet of the sport since she's spent many hours in the suds on many beaches. Her comments are provocative but right on target. There's more too, but discover it for yourself, such as illustrations by Fred Guardineer. L.I.F. Publishing, 252 pages, photos and illustrations.

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try another spot. As the anchor broke the surface of the water I was amazed to see what looked like a large flounder attached to it. When I saw a second flounder, I knew it could only be Marty's lost catch.

Needless to say, we were all pretty excited. In fact, we almost capsized the skiff. Luckily, we had a camera aboard. I've included a picture of the fish that *didn't* get away. Sincerely, *John "Highhook" Galvin.*

SIZE LIMIT ON WINTER FLOUNDER

Honorable Hugh T. Farley
Senator
New York State Senate
Room 706
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Dear Senator Farley:

As a matter of introduction, let me say that I am an attorney working in New York City and am an avid fisherman. Although I enjoy all types of fishing, I fish for flounder most often. I usually fish on party, charter and private boats.

I am writing to you, as Chairman of the Senate Committee on Environmental Conservation, to request that you sponsor legislation addressing the problem of a rapidly depleted flounder population in coastal waters. I urge that a bill be introduced requiring fishermen to return to the water any flounder under 11 inches in length. The States of Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island have already recognized the need for such legislation and have acted accordingly. Three points demonstrate the need for this type of legislation in New York.

1. Many fishermen cannot or will not govern themselves. Unfortunately, a few spoil it for many and keep any size flounder they catch. I have seen some keep flounder no larger than 3 or 4 inches. Many fishermen, on the other hand, readily throw back undersized fish and suggest that others do the same. Peer pressure and trying to instill a sense of social and environmental responsibility has not, in my opinion, been successful. Legislation accompanied by the fear of a monetary penalty might work.

2. Generally, by the time a flounder is 11 inches long, it has spawned at least once. By passing legislation prohibiting keeping flounder under 11 inches we will guarantee a steady population of flounder.

3. As indicated by the number of catches, the flounder population has been steadily decreasing over the years. Myself, many colleagues, party and charter boat captains have noticed that flounder have recently been less in abundance than in the past. The common conception that flounder are so abundant that we will never significantly deplete their population is easily dispelled by looking at the dramatic decrease in the populations of fluke, weakfish (sea trout), mackerel and cod. They, too,

were once in plentiful supply and it was commonly thought that these species would never be significantly depleted. Eventually, flounder will become as scarce as fluke and many other once-abundant species. Legislation will prevent this tragedy.

New York should follow Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island to protect this wonderful species. Many a youth has become introduced to the sport of fishing through flounder fishing because it is inexpensive to begin, fun, easy and relaxing. My fear, and I believe it is a real fear, is that our children will not be able to fish for flounder.

I realize that there are many more pressing concerns in the state legislature requiring the attention of your overworked (and probably underpaid) staff. Accordingly, I will donate my services and any reasonable financial support necessary on a *pro bono publico* basis. I will be more than willing to draft appropriate, sensible and responsible legislation and work with you and your staff on this matter. Sincerely yours, *John B. Webster.*

Dear John,

Your intentions are admirable but in all reality, I doubt an 11 inch size limit on winter flounder would stand much change of passage in our area. This, especially in lieu of the fact that a bill calling for a recreational size limit of 8 inches just last week passed both the Senate and Assembly. It now awaits Governor Cuomo's signature.

Also included in the bill is the establishment of a 15 inch size limit for cod taken by both commercial and recreational means. Sincerely, Fred Golofaro.

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My next question: is a CB good enough to reach the Coast Guard in the event of an emergency Or should we get a VHF?

Hoping to hear from you. Thanking you in advance. *Patricia Schineller.*

Dear Patricia,

There are no ordinances prohibiting water skiing on Moriches Bay according to our sources in the area.

Coast Guard Station Moriches, as do all of the stations in our area, monitors CB channel 9 for help in an emergency. The size of your boat, would indicate you'll be doing most of your boating on the bay where a VHF and its extended range is unnecessary.

Have a good summer. Sincerely, Fred Golofaro.

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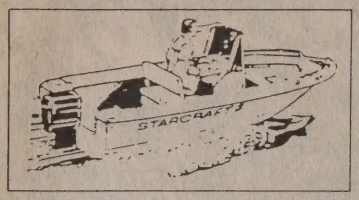

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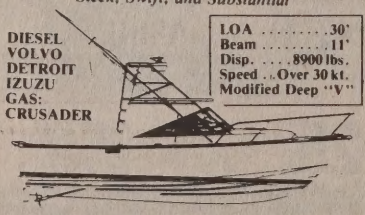

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For many years the name Grumman has been synonymous with canoes, and their famous line of aluminum paddle-powered lake and river craft are seen virtually everywhere on inland waters. A few years ago Grumman set out to expand into power boats with a lineup of high quality, well thought out skiffs for recreational boating and fishing. The results have been well received by lake, river and inshore saltwater anglers.

Grumman canoes have enjoyed a reputation of being well built, strong and lightweight, and the skiffs are gaining the same reputation. My son, Rich and I had a lot of good fishing in one of the early models that Grumman produced. Not only was it roomy, it was built to last forever. The slight vee bottom with its two sloping flat sides was easy to walk on and the boat handled very well. From Virginia's Barrier Islands for drum to Delaware Bay weakfish and Barnegat Bay blues that Grumman was a pleasure to fish in.

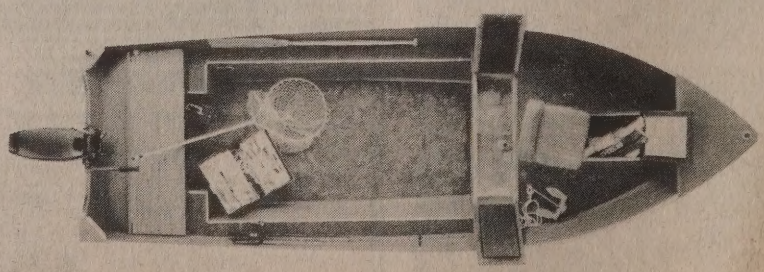
One of their most popular boats is the Pro Fisherman Series. The Pro Series is a good transition boat for the fisherman who wants something more than a skiff with simple bench seats, yet doesn't want to trade off room for more weight and a lot more cost. The Pro Series does away with, or modifies the traditional seats so there is nearly 70 square feet of unobstructed fishing space. Three anglers would have no trouble finding room to fish while drifting for fluke or baiting up for lake trout. The sides are high enough to feel like these boats are ready for big water found on large impoundments, yet they are light enough for easy trailering and one man launching on unimproved ramps.

There are three boats that make up the Pro Fishermen series: the 14 Pro, the Super Pro 14 and the Pro 16. The basic construction is similar for each of them, but the individual layouts of deck, seats, live wells and accessories is slightly different from model to model.

Hulls are put together with a combination of welding and riveting that assures long life. The two 14s have .065 thick bottom sheeting while the 16 has a .070 bottom skin. The bottom shape is typical aluminum skiff with a rounded chine, a slight vee and a wide flaring bow. A spray rail is stamped into the hull just above the waterline to help keep spray to minimum.

Since most of the seats have been either moved or entirely removed, flotation is added under compartments that run along the inside of the hull and make handy places to mount rod holders, oars and small electronics like LCDs, graph recorders or flashers. Flush mount rod holders can be fitted into the foam liner or vertical rod holders could be mounted externally along the sides of the compartment.

The Pro 14 has a 21 gallon aerated fish well with dividers for tournament



Grumman Pro 16.

bass fishermen who want to keep their catches separated, side rod holders, a splash well at the stern, Coast Guard required lighting and bilge pump. With no console, the Pro 14 is ideally run from a standing position with tiller steering.

The Super Pro 14 has a similar layout to the Pro 14, but with three seat bases and two pedestal seats. The seats can be positioned at the stern, midships or at the bow. The flat deck is made of marine grade plywood and covered with a non-slip carpeting. A bow plate is large enough for mounting an electric trolling motor and the platform is prefitted with a plug for connecting the wiring for the motor. A flasher can be mounted hanging from under the platform so it doesn't get in the way of fishing but is still easy to read clearly. The aerated well is mounted along the left side next to the foamed compartment and is positioned lengthwise, not sideways, on the floor.

The Pro 16 is similar to the Super Pro 14 but has an added bench type seat just aft of the bow pedestal seat. Inside this seat is the live well, again separated for bass fishermen. The battery can be mounted conveniently under a special hinged deck seat at the transom which also covers the fuel tank(s). The stern splash well is larger than on the 14 models and a dry storage compartment is built into the deck just forward of the bow pedestal seat. Foam lined rod holders are mounted along the left side and are sized right for one-handed baitcasting rods or light spinning outfits.

Each Pro can be ordered with either the low 15" transom for short shaft engines or the higher 20" transom for long shaft engines. A sturdy aluminum angle, extra riveting and an extra thick plywood section make the transoms strong enough to withstand hard acceleration and sustained operation in rough water.

A worthwhile option which is available for each Pro model is the side console. Besides making steering more comfortable, the consoles provide a neater package when mounting engine throttle and shift controls, electric start controls, and any electronics like temperature gauge, radio and flasher.

Grumman offers a choice of colors: a gray hull with charcoal colored carpeting or sand-tone hull with brown carpeting. I know from experience they are durable and handle nicely. The Grumman skiffs are a good choice and a good buy for the small boater.

SPECIFICATIONS

Length	16'3"
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★ PRODUCT REVIEW ★

DAIWA W13UL SPINNING REEL

by Cap Gariddy

This review is for ultra-light spinning tackle fanatics. If you absolutely love to use ultra-light gear, if you have your eyes on a two, four or six pound line class record and if you're not purchasing your tackle on a tight budget, this new Daiwa reel will make your eyes pop and your mouth water.

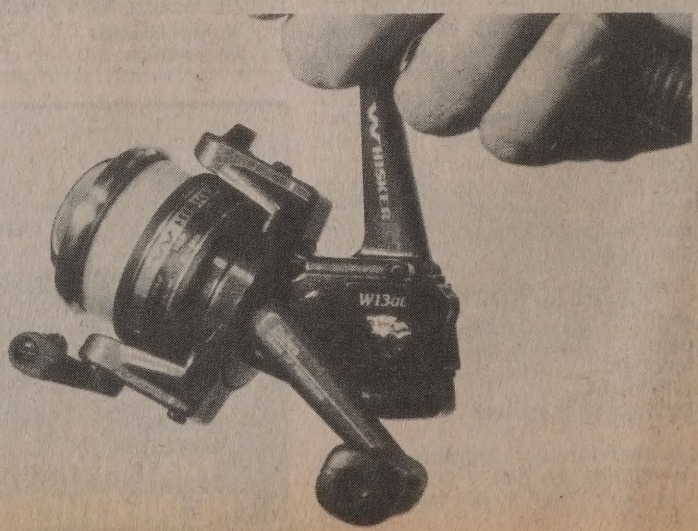
The Daiwa W13UL spinning reel is not a member of any of Daiwa's other spinning reel series. It is a reel unto itself designed with a single-minded purpose and expense be damned. For many years, Daiwa has offered the fisherman some of the most thought out, quality built fishing tackle available in their top end reel series. This little jewel will be added to the legends of ultra-light reels like the Alcedo Micron.

The W13Ul is a study in function and form with light line fishing the only criteria for design and the finished product is truly something to behold. It is also expensive when one takes into consideration that it retails somewhere in the area of $80. That's quite a chunk of change for such a small reel, but a look at the features may make you decide to part with the bucks for this one.

The sport of ultra-light fishing is a serious undertaking. Your tackle must not only be good, but it must be up to the challenge of taking big fish with the lightest of lines connecting you to your quarry. Many an ultra-light enthusiast has been left depressed by tackle not up to the challenge which leads to losing that trophy.

With this in mind, Daiwa set its sights on creating the ultimate weapon in the ultra-light arsenal. From your first look at this reel, you will immediately realize it is something special. The reel's rich, deep blue finish shines like few reels I have ever seen. Second, you'll notice a lack of buttons and bangles. It has the best of everything you need without any unnecessary hardware.

Pick it up and you will notice that it is probably the lightest ultra-light reel you've ever handled, weighing in at only 6½ ounces. The lightweight is a result of the choice of materials that Daiwa put into this reel. The body is made of 100 percent Whiskers graphite, a composite that is claimed to be stronger, lighter and more sensitive than comparable graphite materials. The spool is also graphite, but with a difference. It has a lip around the perimeter made of highly polished stainless steel that adds distance to your casts by allowing a smoother flow of line off the spool and it also makes it easier to "feather" the outgoing line for increased casting accuracy.



You will also notice that the spool is unusually large for an ultra-light. The large diameter spool alleviates two problems that plague ultra-light reels. The large spool helps to prevent the coiling of monofilament line that occurs on small diameter spools. This can cause all types of tangles when using lures that twist your line. It also provides extra line capacity for fighting hard-running fish that ultra-light nuts are often found trying to tempt with teeny tackle. Line capacity for the reel is 280 yards of 2 lb.; 165 yards of 4 lb. and 125 yards of 6 lb. test.

The reel has an oversized handle that makes gripping it a joy. The bail assembly is designed so that the line will never hang up on it. The reel does not have a bail trigger for just that reason. The only other control on the outside of the reel is the anti-reverse switch, located at the very back of the housing for easy accessibility.

Taking off the side plate of the reel, I was impressed with the fit of the highly polished gears, shafts and bearings. It is difficult to avoid the over-used term, "built like a fine Swiss watch," when describing the insides of this reel. It has a high speed gear train that pulls in line at a fast 4.9 to 1 gear ratio. It also contains three sets of Japan's finest stainless steel, sealed ball bearings that make the reel's action as smooth as soft butter. When turning the reel handle there is no hint of play or slack in the gear train. The two sets of ball bearings located on either side of the handle shaft alleviate any looseness in the handle. All in all, the reel has a feel of quality from the tight tolerances used in its manufacturing.

The drag is front mounted, built into the spool—a departure from the many rear-mounted systems being offered today. It is an oversized, multi-disk type, containing three oil impregnated composite washers and four stainless steel disks along with a Teflon washer at the top and base of the assembly. It is extremely smooth and offers an excellent range of adjustment, a feature that is a must for ultra-light line. The spool is easily removed with the pushbutton release and an additional spool comes packaged with the reel so you can carry two spools of line for changing conditions.

Daiwa has surely hit the mark with this reel. In this writer's estimation, they have achieved all their goals and built a reel that would make any ultra-light enthusiast proud to have it grace their favorite rod. In my initial forays with the W13UI for hard fighting, long running shad, it performed flawlessly and every time I put another big roe shad in the boat, I just had to look at it again and smile. If ultra-light is your bag, it's worth a trip out of your way to look over this creation. Budget or no budget, I'll bet you decide you just have to have one.

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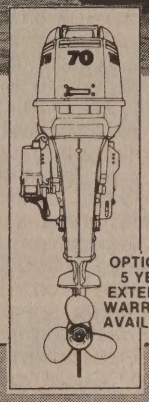

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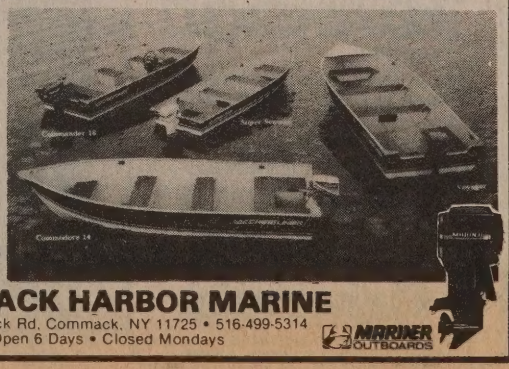

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THE TACKLE DOCTOR

by Russ Wilson

Dear Doc,

This letter concerns a tackle problem that I hope you will be able to solve. A friend and I have become very fond of a flaptail rubber worm that vibrates and makes a sound to attract largemouth bass. We find, however, that not all rubber worms of this type are created equal. We are especially pleased with "the ding-a-ling" worm formerly by J.W. (now by Zetabait) and the vibrator by Producto Lures. (Although are Producto products are available.) The problem concerns the fact that we are unable to find either of these worms locally (North Delaware) and our extensive search of mail order catalogs has also failed to find a source. Are these worms still being manufactured? Could you tell us of a mail order company that sells either or both products? Can we buy them direct from the manufacturer? How? We understand that these worms are still popular in certain parts of the country, but how can we get them here in Delaware? Hope you can help, and thanks in advance.

Bob Brownstein.

Dear Bob,

There are literally a zillion different makes and models of plastic worms currently gracing tackle shelves throughout the country and most will catch fish if they are used correctly.

But, the worms you describe are available through the Producto Company or can be purchased at Sears Stores, Caldor, K-Mart and many localized sporting goods and tackle shops that cater to the freshwater angler. As you state, the Vibrator, is one terrific item and has accounted for thousands of "savvy" largemouths.

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Dear Doc,

Late last fall I went fishing with a friend of mine who had just purchased a new ultra-light spinning reel. It was called a Quick Champion 1001. I tried the reel and found it to be excellent for ultra-light freshwater applications.

My problem is that I cannot find this reel in any of my local tackle shops. Most people tell me that Quick is no longer in business.

In any event, I am wondering if you can help me locate a Quick retailer in my local area or by mail order.

John M. Sardone.

Dear Doc,

Many years ago I purchased some great tackle from Quick Corp., out of Costa Mesa, CA. I can no longer find any sign of Quick. They had great tackle and poor distribution. As a last resort I have to bother you with my query. Does Quick still exist?

Ed Mcguire.

Dear Ed and John,

We've tried, unsuccessfully, to contact the Quick Corp. of America at

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their California business address for several months and are still waiting for a reply.

I do know the Quick Corp., which distributed in the U.S. is now out of business and as of this date, has not been picked up by another company.

They did make a terrific product. We used the big Quick Super (280) for a lot of years and with it caught many bragging size striped bass, bluefish, false albacore and bonito.

The Quick Micro Light (freshwater spinning reel) was another favorite that served us well for a lot of years before the bail finally gave up the ghost.

Unfortunately, the Quick Corporation is no longer marketing in the U.S. You might luck out and find some left-over models at a local tackle shop, but I doubt it.

Until some other company picks up the Quick line of reels, I'd suggest you shop around for another brand that is of equal quality.

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Dear Doc,

I, too, face the problem of Victor Schafer, as I also fish the area of George's Bank and lose a number of 20 oz. sinkers. I have solved my problem by making my own with a bit of Yankee ingenuity as follows.

I have a mold I made using Dunhams water putty. First, twist a form on an open faced bowl lined with foil. Then fill with the prepared putty. Next, press a 20 oz. sinker into the soft putty and let it set. The sinker can then, with a bit of care, be removed leaving a perfect half mold. After making two halves, dress the flat sides and join the two halves with solder using a small propane torch. The end product may not be as nice looking as the store bought sinkers, but I have used them with equal results and have saved plenty; at least enough to make it worth the effort. *Bill Van Winkle.*

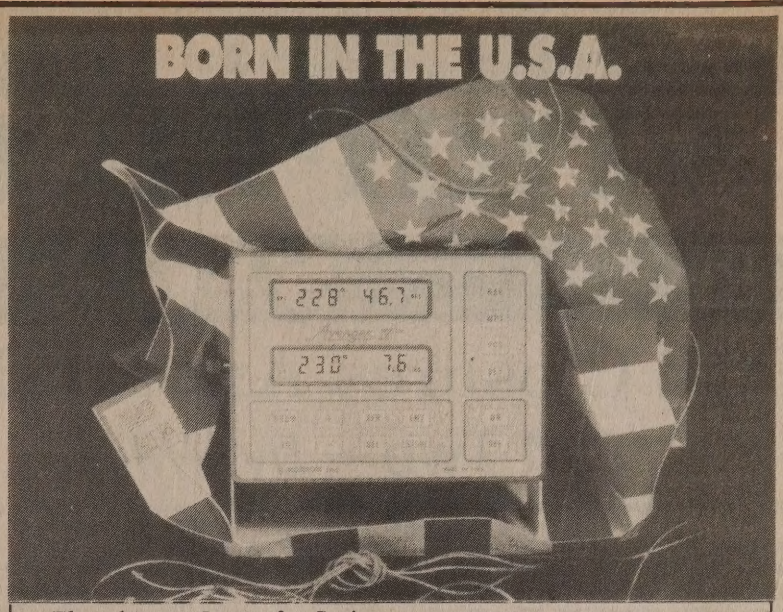
Dear Bill,

As you say, Yankee ingenuity can't be beat. But, in this particular instance, we've come up with several companies that are manufacturing sinker molds that produce sinkers up to 32 ounces. You'll pay a little for them, but if you do a lot of deep water fishing, the expense may be justified.

For others who are not handy, we suggest writing to the following companies for their sinker mold catalogs: Lil Mar, P.O. Box 670, Wilsonville, OR 97070. The mold you would need is a bank sinker, stock No. 11093 Model A220.

Another excellent source is the C. Palmer Manufacturing Co., P.O. Box 220, West Newton, PA 154089.

There are others that also manufacture the larger size sinker molds, but these should do for a starter. Strange as it may seem, after that item appeared in the Tackle Doctor, we had a deluge of response from readers who had names and addresses of mold manufacturers who cater to deep water fishermen's needs.



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THE STRIPED BASS SAGA

PCB Closures Are Not Management

Part Two—*by William A. Muller*

Summary of Part I: Since the early 1980s, the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) has promulgated management recommendations to East Coast states. These recommendations, when implemented, would significantly conserve striped bass stocks and protect the 1982 year class. For the last three or four years, states have been adapting and adopting these recommendations in a variety of forms. In 1986, the ASMFC added an amendment that called for a sliding size increase program that mandated 30 inches for 1986 and 33 inches for 1987. The intent of these increased size limits is to protect 95 percent of the 1982 year class. States have been scurrying to meet the conservation mandates of this size limit schedule under the gun of federal intervention should they not achieve recommended conservation levels. Recently, New York has issued PCB closures in lieu of management measures, which means that declining PCB levels will leave the management of striped bass stocks in a vacuum.

It must be stated clearly that the intent of ASMFC recommendations regarding striped bass management was to conserve and protect a significant portion of the existing East Coast population. Conservation and protection was to be achieved via the establishment, on a state by state basis, of legitimate management measures.

What are legitimate management measures? These are restrictions on harvest brought about by reductions in fishing mortality achieved via size limits, harvest limits (pounds or numbers), area and season closures, and gear restrictions and prohibitions. It is clear from this definition that health closures and prohibitions do not constitute legitimate management measures. It is obvious, however, that health prohibitions and bans will reduce the mortality of such species. This fact sets the stage for the opportunity to confuse health issues with management.

It is clear that such substitutions of management measures with health measures is illegitimate. Should a government choose to do so they are deliberately deceiving both the resource user and the consumer. The governmental error was a compound error that stretched from the federal level down to the state level.

In June of 1985, the states were reporting on the measures they had taken to meet the 1984 ASMFC mandate of reducing fishing mortality an additional 55 percent above and beyond the reductions previously achieved via increases in minimum size, season closures, and spawning reach restrictions. Two states stood out in violation of the 55 percent requirement: New York and Virginia. Virginia was forced to change its regulations, but New York returned to the table to add Hudson River and Western Long Island PCB closures to the list of measures New York had taken to achieve the 55 percent reduction level.

ASMFC allowed the PCB closures. As we can see from the above arguments, their acceptance was illegitimate. PCB contamination is a health issue. ASMFC did not ask the question "What conservation measures would be in place if there were no PCB contamination?" Since PCB contamination is largely a problem of the Hudson River striped bass stock, and since ASMFC recommendations involved primarily the conservation of Chesapeake bass, clearly allowing New York to meet (apparently) its required 55 percent mortality reduction via PCB closure was a fraud.

Furthermore, one questions whether New York even came close to meeting the ASMFC management strategy with PCB closures included. That's precisely how ludicrous this illegitimacy between ASMFC and New York State has become. Further, permitting the substitution of PCB closures for management has set the precedent and actually encouraged other states to follow suit. Our investigations indicate that Massachusetts will prohibit the opening of its June 1st hook and line commercial season on the excuse of PBC contamination.

Let's look at some simple calculations that we believe reveal what has been allowed to take place in New York illegitmately. We recognize that both the approach and the conclusions are somewhat subjective, yet we have bent over backwards in these estimates and calculations to be generous on the side of New York State and still the percent mortality reduction is far from 55 percent. Further, the underlying data is from the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). One last point in fairness: the recreational mortality reduction is a very loose estimate.

Closed Season 12/1 to 5/7: A ten year average of landings indicates 8 percent of total yearly landings are taken during this time period.

No By-Catch: Meaningless, since dirty fisheries such as haul seines continue to kill bass although they are not sold.

PCB Closure: Not a valid management criteria. Still, West End (Long Island) commercial landings amount to only about three percent of total New York landings (10 year average). PCB closure exempted the East End of Long Island where the vast majority of the harvest of Chesapeake bass occurs in New York.

Recreational Bag Limit: Except for hook and line commercials, who were required to have a sale license anyway and thus were not bound by the bag limit, there were very few catches of two striped bass per day by New York anglers. To be generous we, as experts in the field of recreational fishing, estimate a three percent reduction in mortality.

The addition is clear: 8 percent closed season, 3 percent bag limit, 3 percent PCB closure, 0 percent by-catch elimination. Total fishing mortality reduction = 14 percent. Even if our best estimate is way off and we double this figure, it still means that New York only achieved half the 55 percent mortality reduction.

Allowing New York and other states to achieve mortality reductions well below the 55 percent level called for was a travesty to striped bass management and a misrepresentation to the public.

There is no doubt that the actions taken by New York recently are pivotal and will have a domino effect upon other states. Indeed, it has already begun to happen (i.e., Massachusetts). Yet, New York continues to abuse ASMFC recommendations and makes misrepresentations to the public. Under extreme pressure from the small but noisy East End commercial interest, through public figures who hold the lobe of the Governor's ear, the State of New York engaged in chicken politics and avoided its responsibility to develop and implement management measures to meet ASMFC mortality reduction mandates.

The response of New York was to close the possession of striped bass to both recreational and commercial users on the grounds that migrating and resident bass, on average, have levels of PCB contamination beyond the two parts per million indicated to be minimally acceptable. Chicken politics!! PCB closures are health measures, not management. Why should a recreational angler who catches a 50 pound bass be precluded from having it mounted for display on the basis of PCB contamination? Will the PCBs kill the wall, the rug, a nearby picture, the clock, or perhaps contaminate the family air supply?

Further, the recreational fishermen is an informed consumer. If he or she choses to eat some small amounts of bass they do so with full knowledge and at an informed risk. The consumer of commercially caught bass is by and large not an informed consumer. Thus, for most of them they could be considered purchasing bass in good faith at the market assuming the fish to be fit for consumption. Those are two very different issues.

Thus, if it is true that bass mounted for display present virtually no risk of contamination, and if it is true that the informed consumer will also consume wisely and on a limited basis, and if it is true that other fish contaminated with toxins are allowed to be consumed by anglers, then why should the recreational sector be prohibited from keeping a modest number of striped bass? The answer is obvious. The recreational prohibition on possession makes no sense from a health point of view.

That leaves the question of management. Can recreational fishermen keep a limited number of bass without violating the intentions of the ASMFC concerning fishing mortality reduction. We researched this question carefully and our investigations took us to the hallowed halls of New York's top ranking experts as well as those federal experts who have structured and guided the development of the ASMFC management plan for bass from the very beginning.

The answer we got was astoundingly simple and to the point. Again and again, the experts said that at appropriate and called for size limits an appropriate recreational bag limit would not violate either the spirit or the goals of ASMFC recommended regulations.

Statement of Fisherman Policy: This policy statement will be repeated after each article in the series for the convenience of the reader. The Fisherman recommends the following approach:

1. All states should have management plans in place to appropriately address the ASMFC fishing mortality reductions.

2. PCB closures should be considered only temporary health closures, and not legitimate management measures.

3. All states should implement a plan for achieving 95 percent fishing mortality reduction on 1982 year class fish as quickly as possible: 30 inches 1986 and 33 inches 1987.

4. A recreational bag limit of one fish per day at mandated size limits should be permitted.

5. The Federal Government must intervene where and when a state drags its feet on implementation as a matter of fairness to users in other states, in order to comply with ASMFC management measures, and to avoid the dismemberment of the ASMFC implied authority.

Next Week: Part III. What should we do and what does this mean for East Coast States. Conclusion.

WRITE LETTERS NOW ON STRIPED BASS

The Long Island Fisherman has been in the process of gathering facts and data relative to the recently enacted Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) 60 day emergency measure. Our information indicates the following very clearly.

1. New York has avoided its responsibility to develop striped bass management measures to satisfy ASMFC conservation recommendations.
2. New York State has issued PCB health closures; not management stock conservation measures.
3. There is no justification for total harvest prohibition on recreational anglers.

Reasons:

1) Anglers are informed consumers and know the risk of eating striped bass.

2) There is no health danger from trophy wall-mounted bass.

3) Fisheries biologists we spoke with indicated that a minimum bag limit within the size guidelines of the 1986 ASMFC amendment will not violate ASMFC management intentions.

The Fisherman suggests that if you agree with us that you write the Governor and DEC Commissioner Henry Williams immediately. Feel free to use the information above in your letter. It would also be helpful if you would send a copy of your letter to us and your state assemblyman and senator.

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ATLANTIC WRECK SERIES:

ARTIFICIAL REEFS

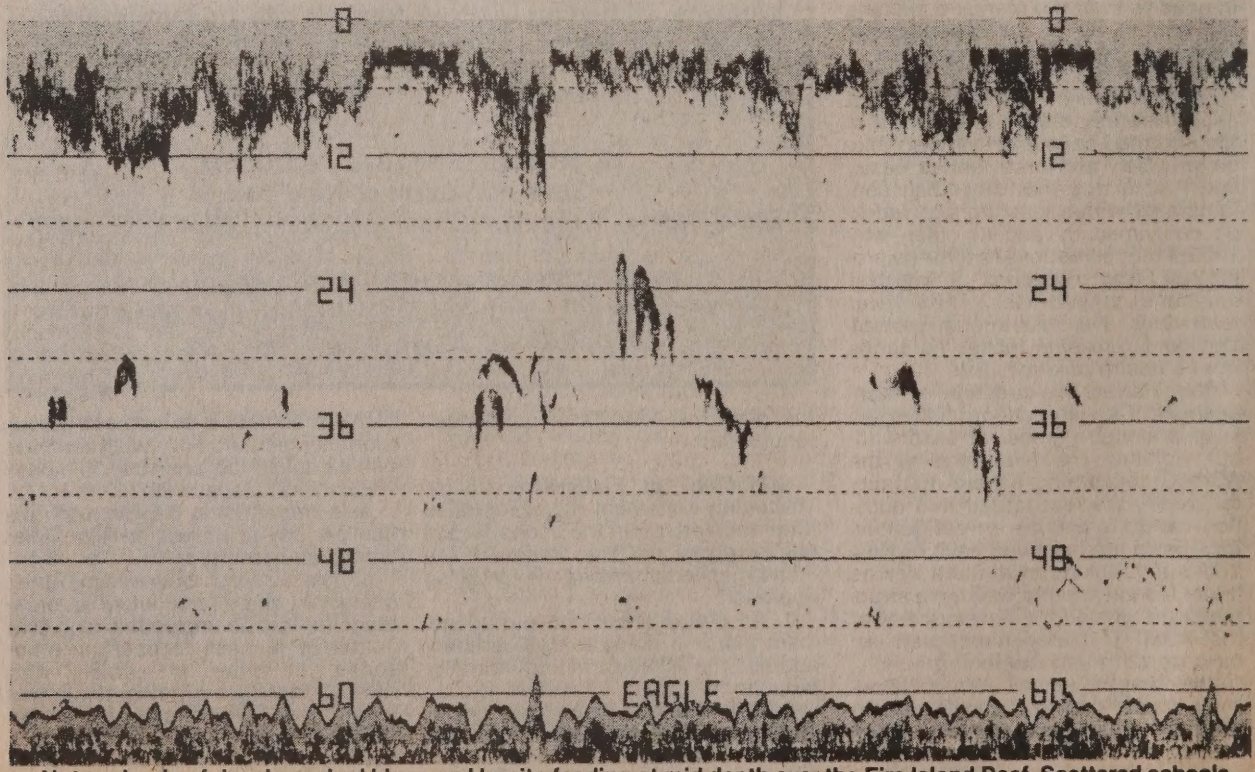
by John Raguso

Although this week's installment doesn't detail one specific shipwreck, it shares in common the most significant reason why fishermen concern themselves with wrecks; and that's the ability to consistently attract and hold fish on their structure. Categorically speaking, there are two different classifications of artificial reefs: planned and accidental.

Types of planned reefs include the many that are built by marine biologists, fishermen, clubs and state agencies. These consist of deliberately sunk vessels like barges, surplus warships, tugs, passenger ships and others. Before they are sent to the bottom, these candidates are typically stripped of all valuable parts such as engines, winches, etc., and all fuel oils and other floatable items are removed. Doors and hatches are taken off to eliminate future hazards to divers and large holes are strategically cut into the hull and bulkheads to ensure good water circulation, not only for the fish and organisms who will live there, but to ensure that the vessel will sink quickly. As a final step before the selected ship begins her second career as a home for marine life, approval for the sinking must be obtained from the Coast Guard, Army Corps of Engineers and various governmental and environmental agencies to ensure that it won't be a future navigational or health hazard. Federal requirements dictate that the exact location of the sinking must be clearly indicated on NOAA charts and that the ships must be sunk in water deep enough to provide a minimum of 50 feet of clearance between the uppermost part of the wreck's structure and the surface.

Man-made fish havens are also constructed of groups of old automobile tires stacked vertically and anchored in place by concrete bases. Other forms of solid waste employed for this purpose are old wooden boxes and crates filled with concrete, incinerator wastes such as those used many years ago to form the "Tin Can Grounds" south of Coney Island, sealed bales of compressed solid waste material, and stacks of junked automobiles.

According to an article published by the New York Sea Grant Institute in 1975 entitled "Artificial Fishing Reefs" by Albert Jensen, the author establishes some control parameters for reef materials. He goes on to say, "...Almost any solid, nontoxic material can serve as an artificial fishing reel. The reef should cover a bottom area of at least 2 to 3 acres (.8 to 1.2 hectares). The material must be bulky enough to project off the ocean bottom and massive enough to remain in place during severe storms. It should resist rapid corrosion, furnish nooks and crannies for the fishes, and provide a suitable substrate for hydroids, mussels, barnacles and other fouling organisms. Materials that have been used for fishing reefs include surplus warships, excavated



Note schools of densly packed blues and bonito feeding at mid-depth over the Fire Island Reef. Scattered schools of baitfish can be seen hovering above the structure.

rocks, building rubble, scrap concrete pipes, old refrigerators and other household appliances, old streetcars, junked automobiles, and discarded automobile tires.

"The reef profile, that is how high it projects above the bottom, is also a factor in the reef's success in attracting fishes and other marine organisms. There are no precise definitions of profiles, but the following definitions have been used in the past: Low profile—less than 1 foot; medium profile—1 to 6 feet; high profile—6 to 15 feet; and very high profile—greater than 15 feet."

The various locations that lie only a few miles seaward of both the Long Island and New Jersey coastlines are perfect examples of this type of planned fish haven.

The other category of artificial reefs are those which have occurred either by accident, calamity or acts of war. Since the Port of New York has been a centralized source of seagoing commerce for over 300 years, many accidents and sinkings have occurred due to the sheer volume of traffic that cruises into and out of the New York Bight. Some of the most notable vessels which have become unintentional artificial reefs over recent years have been the Norwegian tanker Stolt Dagali in 1964, the Dutch freighter Pinta back in 1963, the popular Yankee wreck which lies south of Fire Island and sank in 1919, the Acara and Roda south of Jones Beach and many others.

Many ships were also sent to the bottom courtesy of the Germany Navy's feared U-Boat wolf packs during World War I and World War II and many Fisherman readers don't realize just how close to our shores these sinkings actually took place. Wrecks like the Dutch freighter Arundo in the Mud Hole West, the Norwegian freighter Bidevind which resides near the collapsed framework of the Texas Tower, the famous Resor wreck off the New Jersey coast and the Norwegian tanker Varanger which is known to South Jersey residents as the 28-Mile Wreck; all these were sunk by Axis torpedoes during the early months of 1942. But in their death they have brought a new life as the home to many species of groundfish and pelagic game fish, so let's investigate why marine life is attracted to these rusting hulks.

Generally speaking, the waters off Long Island and New Jersey are characterized by a bottom structure that is a relatively featureless, sandy plain which gradually slopes to the Continental Shelf, situated 75 to 90 miles offshore. Wrecks and artificial reefs provide the habitat for certain marine plants and animals to establish small colonies on the submerged surfaces of metal, wood, concrete, rubber and other materials. These fouling or encrusting organisms serve as food for other invertebrates and forage fishes such as blackfish, cunners, anchovies, etc., which in turn, attract the larger fish-eating pelagic species. Wrecks and reefs are not only reliable locations to seek groundfish species such as cod, pollock, hake blackfish, sea bass and others, but they're also proven locales when in search of the more glamorous migrating species such as the tunas, sharks, marlin, wahoo and dolphin which invade our waters every season. The structure which is loaded with various levels and stages of marine life acts as a sort of "fast food" stand to the offshore species which require tremendous amounts of forage due to the great distances traveled in their migratory journeys.

This next section details the six

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artificial reefs that dot Long Island's south shore, stretching from the Rockaways, east to Shinnecock.

Rockaway Beach Reef: Lat/Long position—40-32.51N/73.50.27W. Loran C position: 26930.0/43750.0. Location: approximately 5 miles ESE of Rockaway Inlet. Year started: 1968. Depth of water: 35 to 38 feet. Area: 2,000 yards x 1,000 yards (414 acres); Profile: high. Reef Material: 16 auto bodies; more than 1,000 tires and chain, ballasted wtih concrete pails; one pyramid of tires and concrete. Species available: blackfish, sea bass, red hake, porgies, whiting and bluefish.

Atlantic Beach Reef: Lat/Long position: 40-31.84N/73-42.66W. Loran C position: 26868.0/43735.0. Location: approximately 4 miles S of Atlantic Beach; year started: 1968. Depth of water: 58 to 65 feet. Area: 2,000 yards x 1,000 yards (414 acres). Profile: very high. Reef Material: 404 automobile bodies; 40 concrete culvert pipes; 30,420 tires in various size units; 10 truck bodies; 5 wooden barges (34'x90'); 4 steel barges (34'x100'). Species available: blackfish, sea bass, red hake, porgies, whiting, cod and bluefish.

Hempstead Reef: Lat/Long position: 40.30.76N/73-32.32W. Loran C position: 26783.0/43713.0. Location: about 3.7 miles SE of Jones Inlet. Year started: N/A. Depth of water: 63 to 69 feet. Area: 3000 yds. x 1000 yds. Profile: N/A. Reef material: N/A. Species available: blackfish, sea bass, red hake, porgies, whiting, cod and bluefish.

Fire Island Reef: Lat/Long position: 40-35.54N/73-12.63W. Loran C position: 26635.0/43735.0. Location: approximately 5 miles SE of Fire Island Inlet. Year started: 1962. Depth of water: 68 to 71 feet. Area: 1,760 yards x 176 yards (64 acres). Profile: very high. Reef material: 9 barge loads of rocks and building rubble; 1,500 tires in three-tier units; 7 wooden barges (34'x90'); 1 steel barge (40'x170'); 1 wooden boat hull (65'). Species: blackfish, sea bass, porgies, red hake, whiting, cod, bluefish, mackerel, summer flounder, bonito, false albacore.

Moriches Reef: Lat/Long position: 40-43.18N/72-46.04W. Location: about 2.5 miles SSW of Moriches Inlet. Year started: 1968. Depth of water: 72'. Area: 450 yards x 150 yards (14 acres). Profile: high. Reef Material: 2 wooden boat hulls (28 and 32 feet); 600 auto tires in units of three and six, with concrete ballast. Species: blackfish, sea bass, porgies, red hake, mackerel, whiting, cod, bluefish, bonito and false albacore.

Shinnecock Reef: Lat/Long position: 40-47.66N/72-28.31W. Loran C position: 26288.0/43785.0. Location: approximately 2.6 miles S of Shinnecock Inlet. Year started: 1968. Depth of water: 80 feet. Area: 450 yards x 150 yards (14 acres). Profile: high. Reef material: 6,000 auto tires in units from three to eight, with concrete ballast; 1 wooden barge (110'x33'). Species available: blackfish, sea bass, porgies, red hake, mackerel, whiting, cod, bluefish, bonito, false albacore.

Even though New Jersey anglers are truly fortunate to reside in a state that has such a progressive attitude with regards to providing its residents with an abundance of artificial reefs of their own, some of Long Island's reefs are only a short hop away. Jersey anglers who sail out of Sandy Hook, Shark River Inlet and Manasquan Inlet are less than an hour's ride from the Rockaway Reef and not much further from the Atlantic Beach and Hempstead artificial fish havens. Even though the groundfish species are fairly predictable in season, you never can be quite sure what's really swimming around out there. It was only two years ago when some lucky anglers were fishing a little south of the R-4 whistle buoy marking the Atlantic Beach reef catching bluefish and they came across a 500 lb.+ mako shark. They tossed it a bait on a heavy outfit and proceeded to catch the beast well within sight of shore, so be prepared for the unexpected!

Next week we're going to cruise south of the Rockaways to investigate the fate of an old French Tramp Steamer that sank in a collision with the Cunard liner Umbria back in the late 1800s. Her name is the Iberia.

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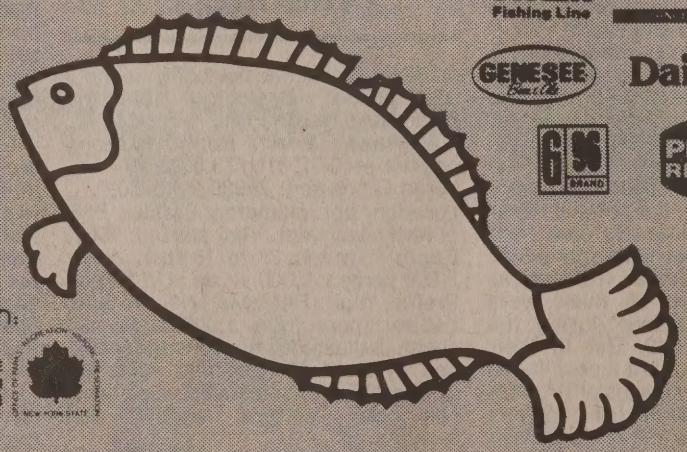

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DRIFT TECHNIQUES FOR SUMMER FLATTIES

by Gerald Hahn

A decade ago, I caught a fluke without even hooking it. I was bringing in the line to check the bait when my fishing companion, Chuck called "There's a fish following your rig," Indeed, there was. I opened the bail and dropped back the offering, but the fluke moved away. When I then engaged the reel, the fluke took up its position again, following the bait but refusing to take it. I repeated this procedure several times, and still the fish would not take the offering; nor would it leave. "Make up your flat-headed mind," I said, as I gradually coaxed the fish closer to the boat. Chuck finally netted it for me.

Two years ago, I outdid this performance with a fluke of a catch. Two fluke, in fact, on one hook. The fish, no doubt were competing for the same bait. One took the hook, and the other gots its slender snout tangled in the snelled leader, just above the hook. Since the double-header measured only 26 inches, I released both fish.

Although oddities occur at times when fishing for various species, you don't have to wait for them to score on fluke. In fact, fluke are one of the easiest fish to catch. In the first place, locating them is not particularly difficult. The sandy terrain they favor, moreover, has few obstacles. Furthermore, when hooked, fluke put up little resistance. For unlike porgies, they are poor pickpockets, and unlike blackfish, they seldom snag the line. Lastly, the fluke season, from late May to September, is long and the fish often feed in the middle of the hottest days.

Still, beginners have difficulty catching fluke, primarily because the most productive fishing method involves drifting. I have often taken novices on fluke trips. The typical one admires the scenery while the boat gets under way. Then he baits his hook at a leisurely pace. By the time his line is in the water, the drift is almost over. On a slow day, he soon loses concentration; he lowers his rig from the wrong side of the boat and wedges his rod under a seat. The line, of course strikes the hull and rises out of the fluke's feeding zone. When the rod, moreover, is not held in the hand, faint nibbles go undetected and scavengers steal the bait. On the other hand, sometimes the novice is too enthusiastic. Whenever he feels the sinker bounce, or some seaweed momentarily catches the line, he reels in at a furious pace. The anxious beginner also tears the bait out of the fish's mouth.

Seeing is believing. The author with two small fluke taken on a single hook.

Although most of these problems are soon corrected, the beginner must also learn to drift properly if he intends to catch fluke. The first thing to determine, of course, is the direction of the drift. On a calm day this is a simple matter, but on a windy day the surface water is often deceptive. It heads in one direction while the boat heads the opposite way. To determine which is stronger, wind or current, cut the engine and let the boat take a course. When the direction of the drift is clear, head to the upcurrent (or upwind) side of the productive area and then begin the drift in earnest.

Once the drift has begun and lines are payed out behind the boat, the starting point should be noted. And if a fluke takes the bait somewhere along the way, that place should be noted as well. The simplest way to note a hotspot is to drop a marker over the side. For where one fluke is taken, others are sure to follow. A marker is nothing more than a buoy fashioned out of a large plastic jug, such as the kind used for bleach. It is tied to a

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long line with a weight below. A marker makes it easy to shorten subsequent drifts over the productive spot, and therefore saves time. Why drift for two miles when the fish are only two blocks away? If you do not have a marker, look for any prominent landmark and take a range, both at the start of the drift and at the productive spot. Perhaps one is near a buoy or in line with an unusual house: the other may be aligned with a water tower or a telephone pole. The idea, of course, is to catch the most fish in the shortest time.

To save even more time, especially when fishing with two people or more, bait up during the ride back to the starting point. Also, watch which way the boat leans into a drift. If, for example, the bow favors the north side of the bay, start turning the boat slightly in this direction as you turn off the engine. This way, you will not have to wait for the boat to turn 180 degrees before letting out lines. And tangles are avoided as well. In fact, to reduce tangles and maximize the potential of each drift, have one person let out 50 feet of line, the other 75 feet and the third 100 feet.

Why this concern with saving time? Although there are periods when fluke are so abundant, they hit throughout the day, most of the time their peak activity may not last more than a couple of hours, either before or after the tide changes.

Once you learn how to drift properly, your fluke catch will increase for sure. And you will be able to apply the same methods wherever you fish. I know I did. Several years ago, I fished for fluke at a new place, Cedar Point, at the west end of Gardiner's Bay. A friend who fishes here regularly advised me to cover the area along the north side of the point, between the lighthouse and a black can to the east. Since the tide was going out on a windless day, I aligned the boat with the lighthouse and aimed for the can, about 1/4 mile away. The bottom was mostly sand in this area, for as soon as the boat drifted past the can, I began picking up gobs of seaweed instead of fluke. Within the recommended area, I caught fluke on nearly every drift. After awhile, however, the current changed and pushed the boat offshore, where I suddenly felt the sinker bouncing over hard bottom and the baited hook attracting porgies. Since fluke were on my mind that day, I simply started subsequent drifts closer to shore, so that I could cross the productive channel once again.

The point is, drifting at Cedar Point was no different from drifting for fluke in other bays, or on Long Island Sound, or even around Montauk. At all these places, fluke are found primarily on sand bottom close to shore, or along major channels and sand bars. For fluke like to hide on the bottom of these slopes and face upcurrent. When struggling baitfish are swept downcurrent over the rise, fluke gain an easy meal. They attack

the bait, then quickly return to their scouting position, often covering all but their eyes with sand. On the Sound and both sides of Montauk, fluke are usually found only a few hundred feet off the beach, in 10 to 20 feet of water. In the South Shore bays, the fishing is even easier, since the water is generally shallow even in the deep holes. Here fluke can be taken along the central channels as well as on the flats near shore.

Bay fluke are usually taken with light tackle. A 7 foot spinning rod matched with a small reel spooled with 10 lb. test is adequate. In most places an ounce of lead is sufficient. A single hook rig consisting of a 2/0 beak hook snelled to a 3 foot leader of 30 lb. test should be used. Connect the hook and the running line to a 3-way swivel with a wire clip for the sinker, and you're set. For the most part, 2-hook rigs are a waste of time and bait, since 90 percent of the fluke are taken on the bottom.

Although baits vary for fluke fishing, most people favor a combination of a thawed-out baitfish, such as a sand eel and a pennant-shaped strip of squid. Hook the sand eel once near the gill cover and the squid once near the wide end. A 1/2 by 3 inch strip of squid is fine. Rigged this way, both baits stream naturally in the current while the angler holds the rod steady. Other baits worth considering are spearing, smelt, squid heads and strips of fluke, flounder, sea robin, mackerel and even sand shark. Live baits, such as killies and snappers, make excellent baits as well. When using either of the latter two baits, hook the killie through the lips and the snapper just ahead of the dorsal fin. Snappers are so large, you can dispense with the squid.

Squid is also deadly when used as a sweetener for lures. Try a 3/8 oz., all-white leadhead bucktail or a whiptail with a squid strip, and you will see what I mean. Similarly, a sweetened chromed spoon, under an ounce, will attract fluke, whether drifted behind the boat in the manner of a natural bait or cast diagonally ahead of the drifting boat and retrieved slowly along the bottom.

A decade ago, the average bay fluke measured 20 inches, and doormats were not uncommon. Today, many of the fluke barely pass the 14 inch legal size limit. They are so shy, they remind me of the one I caught without hooking it. With these fish, faint nibbles are not a sign to set the hook. Better to lower the rod tip and release some line. Then engage the reel and wait for a solid hit. After that, the fishing is easy, for the fluke glides to the boat like a pancake on a greased skillet. Have a large landing net handy, however, for a fluke out of the water flips like a flapjack and often breaks free.

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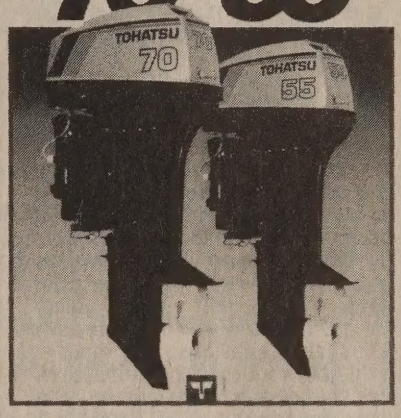

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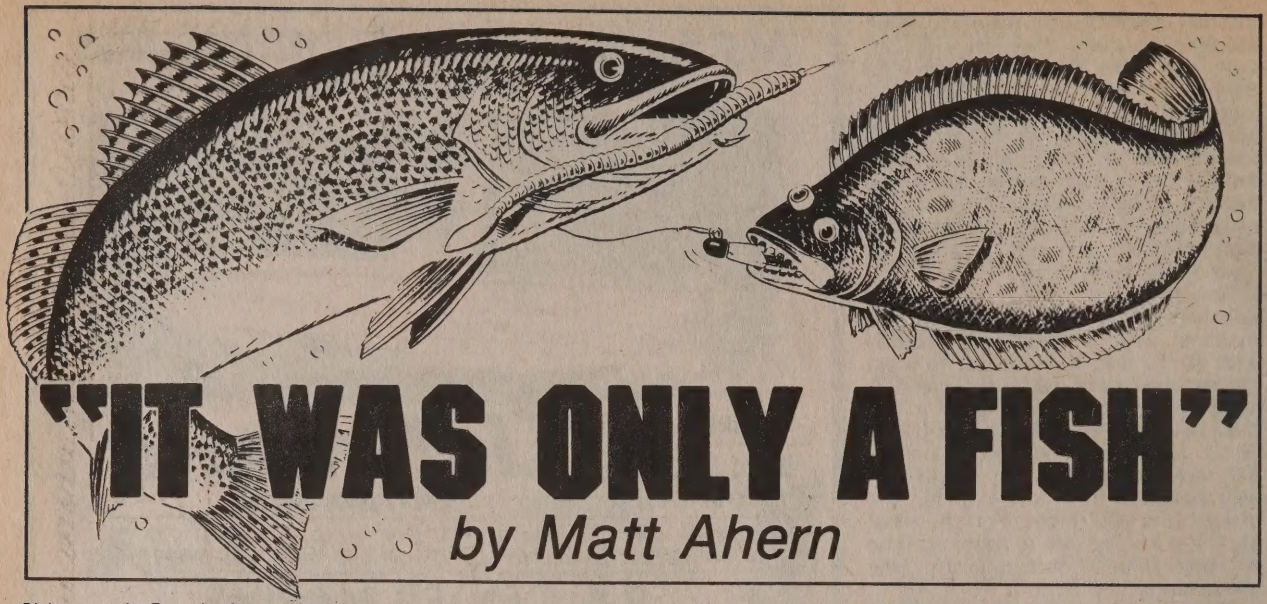

"IT WAS ONLY A FISH"

by Matt Ahern

Shinnecock Canal. An early morning in mid-May—3AM to be exact. The night air is chill. Moisture beads and clings. My clothing is sodden with two hours' condensation. For the amount of casting energy I am expending, I should be warm as toast. But I'm not. Worse yet, I don't have a weakfish. Nor have I had a hit. I'm certainly working harder for nothing than any shore fisherman I know. I now understand why I am the only fisherman on the Canal. There are no fish. Period.

I feel my fears are justified and it's now time to pack it in. I've given it my best shot. But then I hear those fishing gods whispering. Maybe one more cast near that far bulkhead. If that doesn't do it, then I'll really give it up. Cast. Nothing. Well...maybe one more; to the right this time. Still nothing. Again that small voice: "Now you're really gonna quit, ain't you?" Yeah. Yeah. Just one more—then I'll go. Promise. A beautiful cast. Bump that Salty Dog along the bottom. Slow; oh, so slow. Twitch it a little. Nothing.

Drat! Put your stuff in the car and go home.

I raise the trunk lid to stow my gear and attention is diverted by the approaching headlights of a car. The driver pulls up beside me. "What's doing?"

I tell him my tale of woe. "That bad, eh? Well, as long as I'm here; I'll give it a shot."

He hangs a weakfish with the first cast. Murder! It's a good fish, too. Plenty of speed and heft. But the stranger is doomed to disappointment. With one powerful surge, the fish parts the line.

He has my sympathy, and I tell him so.

"Forget it," the stranger says. "For heaven's sake, it's only a fish!"

Only a fish!

I can take no more and I leave.

Perhaps to that stranger, it was only a fish. But to me, the loss of a good sized fish is a heart-wrenching calamity. Along with the rest of us, I've lost my share of big fish. And I've grieved over every one. Fleet-footed time has erased many of these disasters, but those I recall throughout 65 years of fishing still give me a twinge when I think of them. Those big cod and big fluke, those lost tide-running weaks, that enormous Montauk pollock, which I'm convinced would have broken all existing records, all these at one time or another have brought bitter tears of frustration.

I don't know if it is good to be like this or not.

I often think it would be jim-dandy if I could be as nonchalant as that stranger. I'm sure fewer headaches and much less mental anguish would have been my lot over the years. But I'm afraid it was never to be. And all because I got off on the wrong foot.

Not my fault, of course. I had nothing to do with it. Blame it on those master fishermen who reared me in the fishing game. Blame it on them, if you will. Those fellows to whom fishing was truly a way of life. Blame it on their kindness and their willingness to teach a knee-pants Brooklyn street kid the ropes. To instill in him a love for fishing that "passeth all understanding." Yes—if you must—blame it on them.

And in particular you can blame Matt Smith, one of the most gentle and kindest fishermen I've ever known. Thirty years my senior when I first met him, Matt Smith was like a second father to me. I know there were many fishing trips he passed up with men of his own age, fishing trips which he knew practically guaranteed fish. And this only because he had already promised a certain knee pants kid he'd take him to Canarsie Beach and teach him how to cast; or how to ferret out bait in the most unlikely places; or how to wrap (snell) hooks. He never once broke his promise to me—no matter what it cost him fish-wise.

And then you can lay some of the blame on Captain Dick Persson of Canarsie's Old Rose R II. He must take full responsibility for my intense passion for party boat fishing, lo these many years. Can you imagine what it was like for a 14-year-old boy to be asked into the wheel house? To eventually "steer" the vessel to the fishing grounds? To have a master mariner teach you how to take shore ranges? To be told if you didn't have the fare, it didn't matter—come aboard, anyway?

They are but two of the scores of good fishermen who took me in hand, some of whom I've already written about in previous articles, and some whose turn is yet to come.

Is it any wonder with such a background that I am serious about my fishing? Why those who barely know me insist right off that I am a "nut?" I couldn't be any other way. Had I told my tutors the instant I lost my first fish that "it was only a fish," I'd have been dropped like a hot potato. And deservedly so. Why, I'd have been lucky if they'd brought me home again. No, indeed. To them, as to all who wish to excel at the game, fishing is, was, and should be regarded as a serious sport.

Now I don't mean that in order to become a good fisherman, one must give up hearth and home. After all, fishing is a sport. But isn't it peculiar how those who excel at any sport are those who devote all their time and energy to it? You might apply this to the business and entertainment world, too. Those who have become household names did not become so by half-hearted attempts to succeed. They gave it their all. And they continue to do so, never letting up for a minute.

If we as fishermen have no respect for the sport, if we do not continuously endeavor to improve, if we treat the game as something to pass time when the mood urges, then we are fishermen must be content to flit around the edges. We may catch an outsized fish now and then, but when push comes to shove, we will surely

be relegated to the little boys' class. Never will we produce when the chips are down.

I suppose by now some readers are saying: "Hey! This guy's right—he really is a nut!"

Well...allow this "nut" to tell you a little story.

Several years ago I visited Shinnecock Canal with the sole purpose of taking a few photos for future articles. It was June and as usual the Canal was wall-to-wall with fishermen trying their best to catch fluke. But except for a throwback here and there, there was no action. One old-timer I spoke to said it has been like that for several days running.

The old-timer and I were in the midst of a general discussion on fishing when he suddenly broke off the conversation. "Here comes Henry the Plumber," he remarked, pointing out a new arrival. "Watch this. Dollars to doughnuts he'll shake these guys up. You never saw a fisherman like this one. Watch."

Henry the Plumber found himself a spot close to where we were standing. I became aware that he wasn't overly-anxious to begin fishing. He spent a good five watching what the other fellows were doing. He glanced at their baits as they were reeled in, and appeared to make mental judgment on fishing methods and assorted skills; nor did the length of various leaders go unnoticed.

He was doing exactly what I was taught to do in the long-ago: when the chips are down, watch and observe. It is only foolish fishermen who imitate what others are doing when to do so will only bring failure.

Henry the Plumber opened his tackle bag and pawed through it. He brought forth what appeared to be a quarter-ounce Bill Upperman white bucktail. He tipped this with a three inch slice of squid and made his cast.

The old-timer nudged me. "Watch this. This is gonna be good."

He was right. That bucktail hadn't covered five feet of bottom when it was seized by a two pound fluke. Another cast and up came a sea robin. One more cast and a mate to the first fluke went into the bucket. An hour later, Henry the Plumber had seven fluke—the largest around 3 lbs.

There hadn't been seven keeper fluke caught in the Canal in two days according to some fishermen. But this meant nothing to Henry the Plumber. As he told me later, he knew from experience that the fish were there—they just wanted something different.

No, Henry the Plumber wasn't an old-timer, though he had been fishing awhile. But he admitted to studying his fish, and experimenting with the best ways to get around those times when fish put on their finicky act. He "worked at it." His words—not mine.

And I know something else about Henry the Plumber. I'll bet when he loses a big fish he doesn't say: "Forget it. It was only a fish." He grieves along with the rest of us. Of that you can be sure.

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WAVE A WAND AT YELLOWFINS

by Fred Laager

The most beautiful fish that swims in New York's waters is the weakfish. From late April through October, this sea trout finds sanctuary in the waters off Long Island. They spawn, feed and provide untold excitement and pleasure for the many anglers who seek to catch them. He is a true game fish who will hit; not only plugs, jigs, spoons and bait, but who is also prone to inhaling funny looking bits of hair and feather garbed in tinsel and floss.

Weakfish often frequent the shallow flats of Great South Bay and the Peconics. They are usually found throughout the shallow bays and harbors of the north shore and are often found along patches of grass growing close to the shoreline. This affinity they show for shallow water feeding puts them on the most wanted list for saltwater fly rodders who quietly wade along the flats or drift along the shoreline casting small streamers or grass shrimp imitations to feeding fish. The action is usually intense and the results dramatic. My first encounter with weakfish on the fly rod occurred two years ago and ever since that day, I always make it a point to carry the long wand on all my fishing excursions.

Last season, along a small stretch of beach on the west side of Port Jefferson Harbor, I had successfully bucktailed a few weaks on spinning gear when I noticed a few V wakes trailing along the shoreline. These were the telltale signs of large fish swimming just beneath the surface. The wakes trailed by along the grass that flourished in this area. As I cast the small bucktails in front of the wake, the sound of the heavy lure hitting the surface frightened the fish and sent them toward deeper water. On each successive cast, the V wakes would veer away as the lure met the surface. Without any lighter lures to cast, I reached for the fly rod.

I was using my favorite trout rod, an 8½ footer, loaded with an 8 weight forward line. When it came to choosing a fly for these "grey trout," I had a difficult choice to make. I looked into my fly box amidst all the streamers and large bucktails I had used on blues and bass when I noticed a shrimp imitation that a customer of mine at Edelman's Sporting Goods had tied for me. It was a green grass shrimp tied on a stainless steel #2 wide gap hook. Its eyes were formed from Melted monofilament line and its supple olive hackle legs undulated with lifelike motion in the water when it was lightly twitched.

Tying this fly securely to my leader, I jumped on the seat of my dory and began to scout the shoreline for signs of cruising weaks. I strained my eyes

in the early morning light, looking for slight disturbances around the grass beds, when I noticed a V wake passing through the water immediately in front of the bow. Quickly I began false casting; stripping more and more line off the rod and, at the same time, stripping line onto the deck of the boat. When I saw that I had enough line out, I double-hauled (a method of fly casting that provides added distance), and let the momentum of the line "shoot" the remaining coils at my feet toward my target near the grass.

The fly fell short of its goal but, as it dimpled the surface, I noticed that the V wake, which had been heading west, was not heading toward my fly. I held the rod tip near the surface as I readied for the strike. It was only a matter of seconds before the line went taut and the reel began to sing. My left-hand trembled in anticipation as I fingered the line between my thumb and forefinger. The fish took off at top speed, lunging through the water toward the channel. I increased the pressure on the line and held the rod high above my head as the fish made a tight arc around the boat. I could feel the leader humming as he dragged it through the water. Suddenly, he dove, pulling the rod sharply until it almost touched the gunwale. I took line in and let it out as the fish first gained and then gave up ground.

As I drew him near the boat I caught a glimpse of his true colors and realized why he had been mistakenly labeled trout. Not only did he resemble the spotted sea trout found in warmer waters to the south, but he also bore a close resemblance to the freshwater trout I so often fished for. His sides were opalescent; patched with an iridescent purple like a rainbow trout. He was, here and there, splashed with little black dots like those found on an old brown trout and his tail mimicked the square-tailed brook trout. Also, he had taken a fly like a trout and when he realized that he was hooked, he fought with all his strength just like his freshwater cousins. It was only fitting, I thought, that a saltwater fish so closely resembling a trout should be taken on the same tackle traditionally used in freshwater for that species and, here I was, fishing in the briny, hooked fast to such a fish and loving every minute of the battle while it lasted.

The battle was ending now and the fish was weary as I brought him up alongside the boat and grabbed him behind the gills. He made a grunting noise characteristic of all the members of the croaker family as if to protest his treatment. After removing the fly from his lip, I put him on ice with the other fish and I knew that I was in for some fine dining later that night. Back at Edelman's, Charlie Kuhn was happy to hear that his fly had worked so well and ever since that day I have caught at least a half dozen more weaks on that same pattern. Though fly rodding might not be the most productive of angling methods for weakfish, it is for me the most rewarding. Anyone can experience the thrill of this sport if they have the right equipment and know where to use it.

Fly fishing for weakfish requires that you use a rod in the 8 weight line class or larger because you will often be casting larger, more wind resistant flies. A weight forward taper has

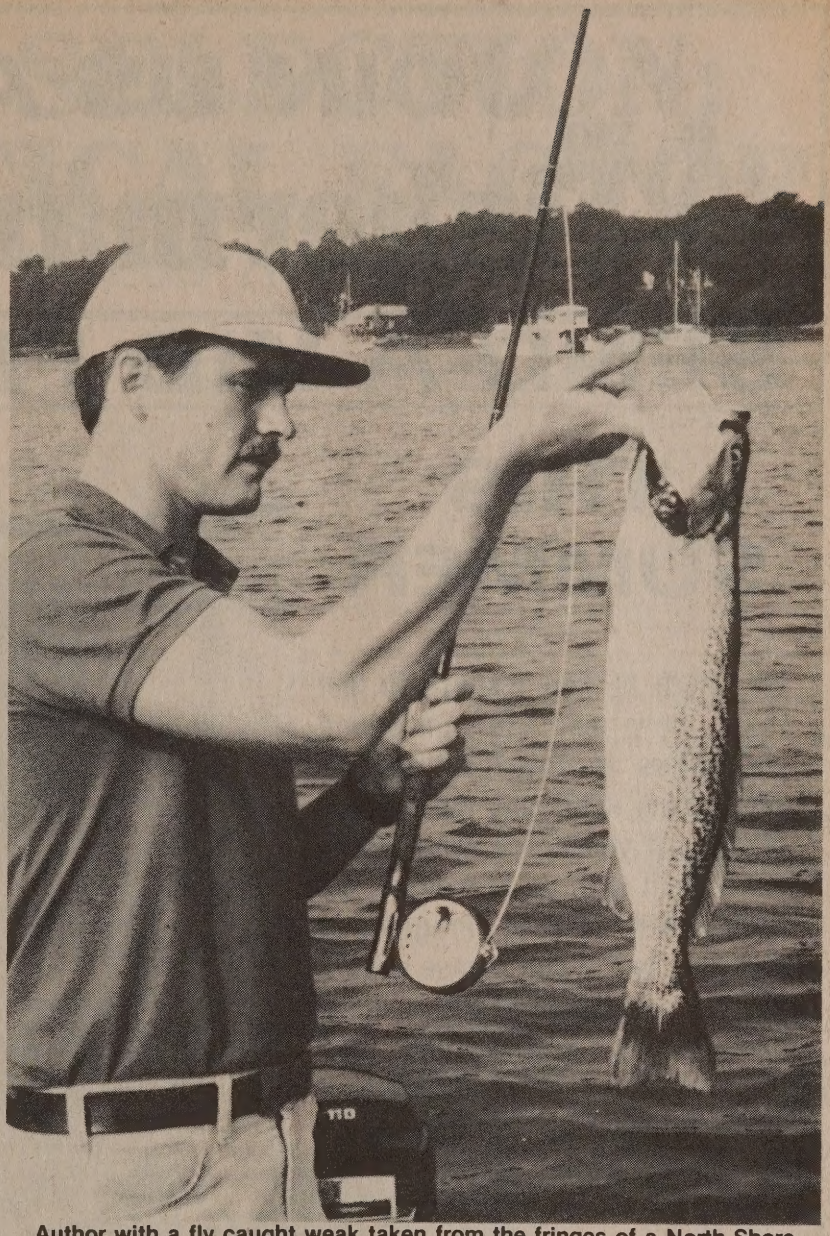
always been a popular choice among salty fly rodders and will give you the distance required when used properly. If you feel you need more distance, a bass bug taper (also known as a saltwater taper in weights of 8 and above) or a shooting taper attached to a running line, can give you the added distance you might need when fighting a wind.

After choosing the taper that suits you best, you should then buy both a sinking and a floating line, since weakfish can be found feeding at many different levels. When it comes to floating lines, buy the best because it will remain buoyant for many years and give you better results when casting. Where sinking lines are concerned, there are many different kinds offering various sinking rates. The kind of sinking line you choose will depend on the fishing conditions you normally encounter. If you are fishing along a shoreline with a moderately running tide, a sinking line such as Scientific Anglers Wet Cel I or Wet Cel II will work fine to get the fly down six feet or so. If you are fishing in a channel where the tide races, the new Deep Water Express Line by SA will be the only line able to get your fly down deep to feeding fish.

Most any fly reel is adequate for weakfish because they don't make as sustained a run as some other forked tailed species. If you purchase any of the single action fly reels like those made by Daiwa, Martin or Pflueger, extra spools will be inexpensive and you will be able to change line functions from floating to sinking readily. If, however, you buy a reel with a star drag system, you will find that extra spools are very expensive. If you already own a reel with such a drag, shooting taper lines will be easier for you to use because they are readily interchangeable on an existing running line.

Fly choice and selection is an easy matter where weakfish are concerned and a few patterns can cover most any fishing conditions. Saltwater streamer patterns such as a Platinum or Strawberry Blonde in sizes 1 or 2 or some of the more popular bonefish patterns i these sizes work just as well. Some other popular patterns are the Crazy Charlie, Needlefish and Chamois Leech. If you can find them, translucent shrimp imitations such as the Salt Shrimp and Whits Shrimp are deadly when worked along grass beds with a twitching motion.

Finding a spot to fish isn't a problem and it doesn't take much savvy to locate a spot that weakfish frequent. Though weakfish are often found down deep in a channel, this type of fishing is usually restricted to those who fish from a boat. Fortunately, weakfish are prone to shallow areas and can usually be found cruising along shoal areas well within the reach of the fly rodder. In May, when the lilacs have bloomed, the Heckscher Flats are home to fish often exceeding 10 lbs. or more.



Author with a fly caught weak taken from the fringes of a North Shore harbor.

During that same month and on into June, the flats around Robin's Island and the shallows off Shelter Island are often productive in the Peconic area. When June arrives, areas along the north shore begin to produce weakfish. The shore off Miller Place, the flats of Conscience Bay and Port Jefferson Harbor, Flax Pond, Long and Short Beach and the Nissequogue River mouth are all steady producers through June and into August. Further to the west, the rocky areas off Callahan's Beach, the mussel beds off of Crab Meadow and the shoal water off Lloyd Neck are likely spots to fish later in the summer. In general, when looking for a spot to fish, look for vegetation where freshwater creates a brackish environment. It is in these areas that weakfish hold and feed, particularly after dark.

As more restrictions are imposed on saltwater anglers, the quality of the fishing will take precedence over the quantity of fish caught. This season be prepared to seek them with fly gear. Just picture yourself wading along the flats, silently stalking along the bars and grass beds casting a diminutive fly toward shadows cruising just beyond your reach. See the fly being engulfed in a swirl; the rod bent, and the line peeling off at top speed. Feel the exhilaration of knowing that you have imposed a handicap on yourself but still came out the victor as you lift the fish from the water. Picture how you must look, like one of those fellows bonefishing in some far off exotic place. Though the weakfish you are cradling in your arms might not have fought as well as a bonefish or tarpon, it is a lot better looking, and swims a whole lot closer to home.

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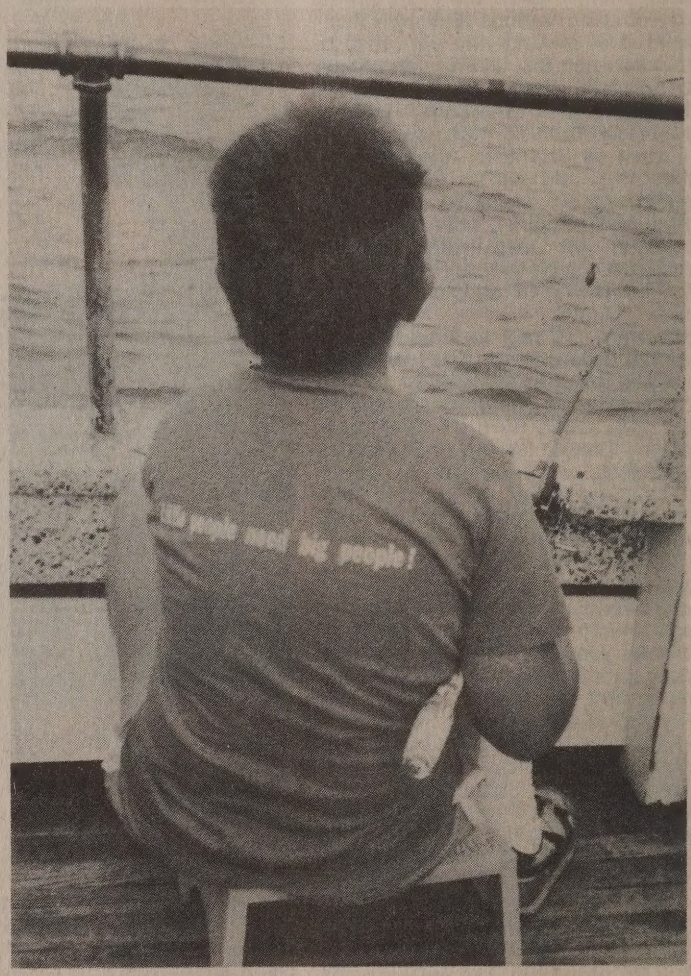

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LINE SELECTION: A CRITICAL FACTOR

by Lou Truppi

What can be said about lines that most of you haven't already heard from one source or another? Well, there are a couple that although known, are thought to be hard to use and therefore most anglers miss their benefits.

This is really a line for all occasions. Monofilament is by far the most commonly used fishing line in the world. Nylon, dacron, and wire are probably the next most widely used. There are others such as linen, but for the most part these fit the bill.

It's surprising at times to hear neophyte and pro anglers alike discuss their choice as the absolute best. However, what is best for them or rather their specific use is not always the proper choice for you and me.

Choosing simple monofilament lines can be difficult to the beginning angler. The never ending search for the ultimate line is witnessed daily in the advertising hype that governs our purchase. What should you look for when choosing a first time line or simply wish to switch for one reason or another, should be based on ultimate use. No one line can do it all, but some get mighty close. Modern technology will certainly one day produce that ultimate line, but until that day we should familiarize ourselves with the pros and cons of several we will be using.

A basis for comparison can only be formulated from past experience. What the package says a line is capable of usually relates to use under ideal conditions. For instance, how many of you as I have I'm sure, been told how harmful sun is to monofilament. Yet, which brand can withstand this test. Ever see an ad along those lines. I haven't. Yet, it remains (the sun) a constant threat to exposed monofilament line. Since most of us fish out in the open, I suppose this could be a real problem. So, you see I could go on for a long time expressing the bad points each line might possess, but we never hear about. It remains that we generally choose lines for what our degree of experience permits. This also allows us to court one type of line for long periods of time whether it is the best choice for our use or not. Without a basis of comparison we would go on believing it is. While it must just be, I still like to compare before I constrain myself to one type of brand.

Specific use individuals, those who fish for primarily one species under the same conditions day in and day out, can in most cases stick with one line. On the other hand, an individual

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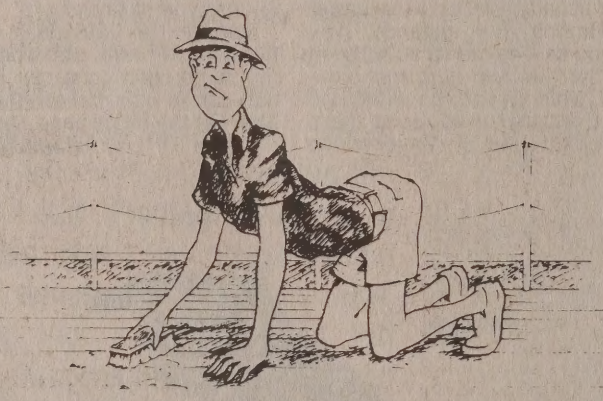

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who fishes for many species under a myriad of conditions might rely on several types of lines.

In my opinion this type angler has a far better chance to select a better line suited to each of his specific needs than the sole line user.

For instance, an angler like myself who fishes heavily in both fresh and saltwater cannot use the same brand monofilament for giant tuna in a lot of cases as I would for stocked trout. Why? Because only recently has there been a development of bluewater grade monofilament by several top grade manufacturers that were acceptable to both. I believe Trilene was the first brand to successfully penetrate both the fresh and saltwater markets years ago. However, if memory serves these saltwater line tested only to 80# class. One hundred and thirty pound monofilament of quality grade was hard to come by a mere ten years ago. Ande changed all that by successfully introducing high poundage as well as quality line to the consumer.

I remember attempting to find a good quality big game monofilament line one season to experiment with on giant tuna. I found a couple of brands, but both failed miserably on knot tests. So, I remained faithful to my dacron for the remainder of the season.

Today's modern technology has changed all that. However, it still pays to be careful when making your selection especially where monos are concerned.

Not so much today as several years back but specific use lines should be closely scrutinized by the angler.

High quality lines will generally test very closely, but individual makeups can vary greatly. One brand may tout overall tensile strength as being totally superior to all competition. While another might label theirs as having the thinnest diameter, while still another might counter with lower stretch as the main selling ingredient. This all relates to mono lines, of course, but certain ingredients can be found in other types as well.

Let's say you intend to go chumming for albacore or bonito this fall. Those of you familiar with this type of fishery already know that some days the fish can be very picky. All but the lightest tackle will function when these fish become selective. The angler who chooses a monofilament line that is thin in diameter, soft and clear in color, will probably fare a lot better than his counterpart who has selected a coarser, stiffer, opaque or colored line. It's obvious that the smaller, softer, mono will drift more naturally than the heavier test. A mono that readily takes any type set no matter what the diameter makes a poor choice when chumming with dead bait. The unnatural drift afforded by this style line will send all but the dumbest fish scurrying by your bait. In this case, a choice of line should be based on the one that would

best fit the bill and exhibit all the characteristics that you would find necessary to accomplish the most natural drift for your bait.

The most common mistake made here is that the angler's choice of tackle. Generally settling on heavier rod and reels than is necessary to accomplish the task at hand leads to the selection of a line that all but scares the fish out of the slick. Another situation that I witnessed firsthand was the use of fluorescent colored mono in shallow water steelhead fishing.

For those of you unfamiliar with the term steelhead, they're nothing more than big rainbow trout. They are generally fished for in streams that border the Great Lakes in our neck of the woods. They flood these streams during the winter months and make for exciting angling opportunities.

These fish can often be found in fairly shallow, clear water. One season when a gold fluorescent line came into vogue I jumped on it so that I could better follow my drifted bait. That I accomplished, but in so doing I also noticed several fish shy away from my offering. How could this be, I wondered? Since the manufacturer of this line assured me with their advertising that the line glowed only in the sunlight, but quickly dissipated when submerged in water. However, due to the shallowness of this particular holding water, I was fishing the line where it could not sink fast or deep enough to become transparent, thus spooking my trout.

So, there are two conditions where line choice based on specific type to fit such a need can clearly be a better choice than just purchasing my brand. Selection of a brand is fine as long as that manufacturer's line fits your needs. How do you know this? Well, past experience is the best, but in the absence of this the angler can only rely on selection by advertisement and hope for the best.

This is why I indicated that by experimenting with various lines the angler can better choose the best line for each of his specific uses.

This application can spread to dacron and wire as well as monofilaments. Each of these lines are manufactured slightly different and once their best qualities relating to your specific needs are noted they can enhance your overall angling success.

Cross-over brands are those that fare well in both fresh and salt water and can simplify line choice. Be certain that each carries the qualities you desire and need to fish effectively. A good quality casting line might not make a good trolling line. By the same token I firmly believe that one brand of line can do it all if definite changes occur in the makeup of different pound tests.

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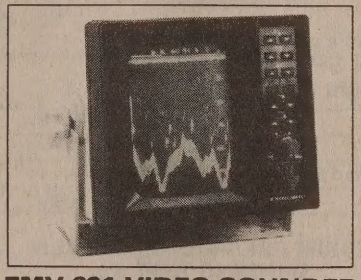

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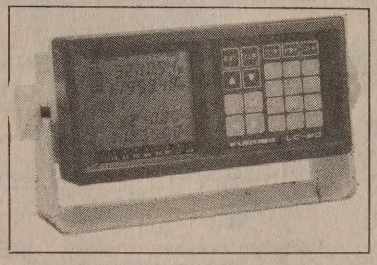

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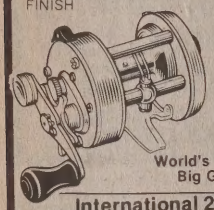

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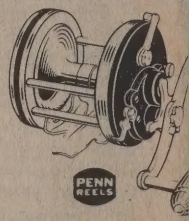

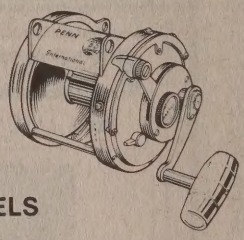

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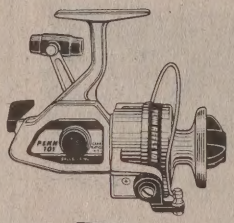

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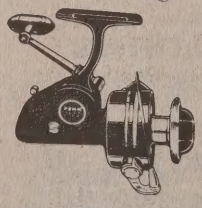

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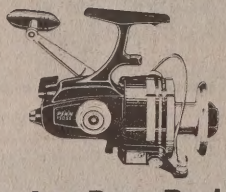

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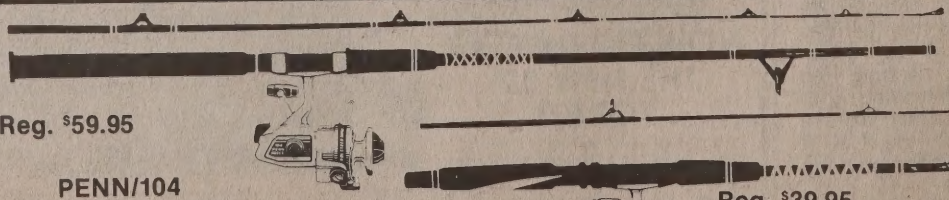

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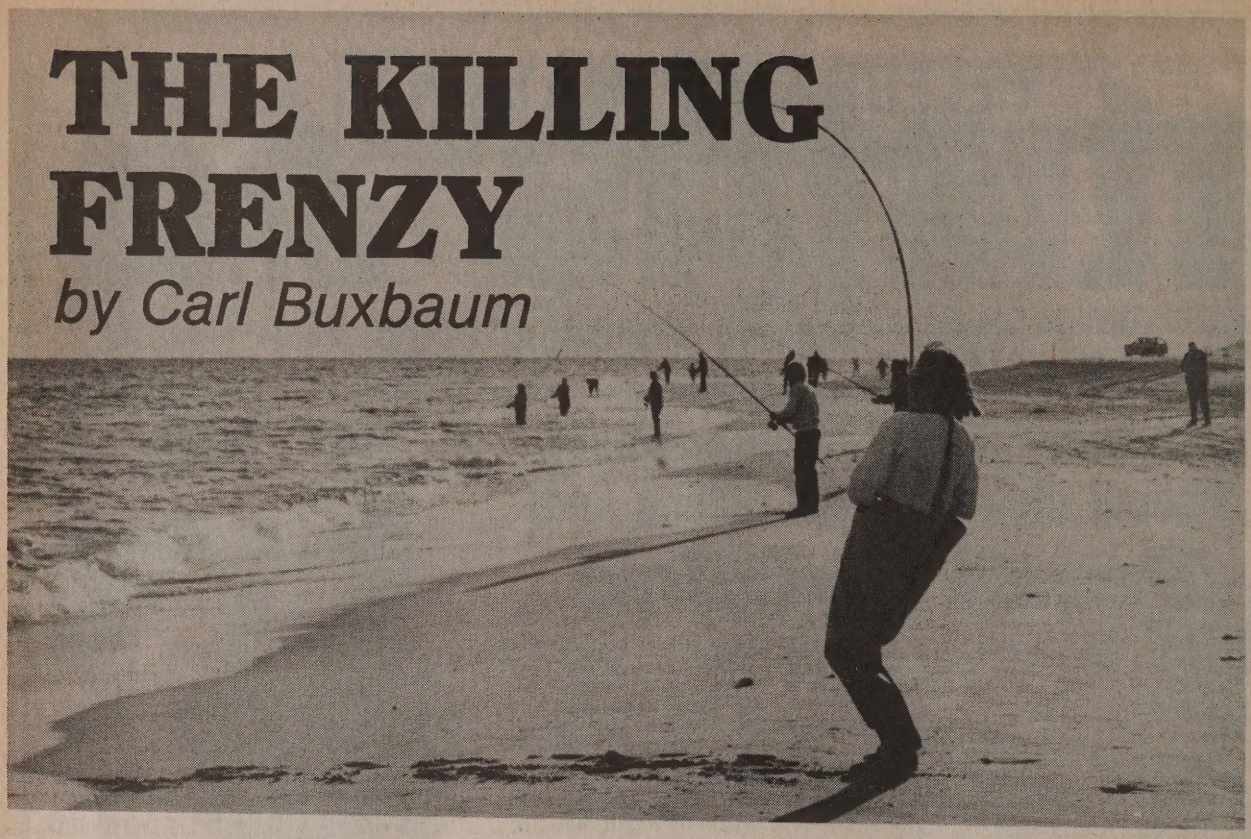

I became a fervent surf fisher some years ago. Relatives and friends worry about my sanity, because they can't seem to grasp how one can be so mesmerized by the primitive brutality of life at the edge of the sea—where nature asserts her supremacy over the feeble trappings of civilization and morality; so carefully cultivated and pounded into our hearts and bones, from the first years we spend on earth.

When the fish are running, I fish; when they vanish, I keep at it, searching for stragglers, until all hope withers; then I dream of past or future exploits and tinker with treasured rods, reels and lures. Talk. Talk. I can't stop the fishing stories. With each telling, the adventures are embellished; until they are lies. And nobody listens.

In August I pay my family dues. Surf action is slow then and I feel guilty about the impending abandonment of my wife and sons, a certainty, when the fall migration gets going; and big fish gorge themselves on prey close to shore—fueling up for travel. Combining work and fishing, I'm rarely home between Labor Day and Thanksgiving. So, August's reserved for being a husband and father. No all night sessions in the suds.

To celebrate our wedding anniversary, though, Brooke gave me a custom made graphite surf rod—the one our boys told her I was hungrily flexing in Johnny's Tackle Shop. The itch to load it with a weighty plug and let my body uncoil, with all the power its modest muscles could summon, was obvious. Brooke couldn't take it any more: "When're ya goin' to try the new rod, instead of just drooling over it?" That was all the prodding required. The resolve to wait for September fell apart. "Why don't we walk on the beach after dinner and enjoy the sunset—I'll make a few casts." She protested; she wouldn't be another tag-along wife. But I refused to run out on her during the obligatory good husband season. "Bluefish 're due to show. We'll take an outfit for you; then you won't be taggin' along. Ya can fish too." She flashed a familiar look—the one that says more emphatically than any words, "Men are infants! Okay.'

Fearing we might accidentally catch something, she added a proviso: "Don't keep any. We, and everyone we know, have had it with eating fish." I threw a few no-kill popping plugs into the canvas surf bag. Their treble hooks were moved, and only single hooks with bent down barbs had been fastened at the tails. We would be civilized anglers, rather than harvesters or meat fishers.

Normal people were still at the dinner table as we strolled along the beach. It was quiet, and the sand beneath our naked feet retained the sun's toasty warmth. We enjoyed each other's company, the sounds of a gentle sea, and the soft yellow light of early evening. Casting and fishing were forgotten.

"Did ya see that?" I blurted. "See what? I was in the middle of a sentence; ya weren't even listenin..." I snapped on a plug and headed to the water. "I was too listenin'--I swear! Somethin' splashed; two, maybe three, casts out." The new rod felt strange to my hands, but the first cast was a beauty—probably the longest throw I ever made without a 30 knot tail wind. Three casts later, Brooke seemed sure I'd seen nothing; the silent, invisible splash was merely a ruse to justify casting. It was real, though, I saw it, and the spot was fixed in my mind; but simply out of reach.

Then, it began. And, this time Brooke saw it too. Closer to the beach, the water exploded as a fish slammed, but failed to get hooked by the no-kill popper. On the next retrieve, the backs of four racing fish cut wakes behind the plug. A splash sent it a foot into the air. Another. Then, thunk. The rod tip was yanked down with authority, and I felt that wonderful rush of adrenalin course through my blood as I yanked back. The fish went deep. He ran parallel to shore, and the line ripped to the right. I followed right, to gain line, but the creature took some instead, as it got the edge and turned offshore. The seaward run swung the fish straight out before me—a bit more humble as a result. I started pumping him in, but he found new energy when the bottom got too close to his belly and the air too close to his back. The first leap was spectacular—a fat bluefish, hanging in air, head rattling left and right—waving the plug like a checkered flat at the Indy 500.

When the blue was beached, a half dozen jumps later, Brooke (who had been sitting on the sand, watching) was beside me, making sure I didn't get too primitive. "Remember, let it

go; don't hurt it," she warned. Gingerly, I backed out the hook, keeping my fingers clear of those awesome, meat grinder teeth. "Ya must be hurtin' him anyway," she said, "There's something wrong about this."

Sprays of little fish erupted from the water, dropping like rain on the surface, and gulls, those ever alert coastal vultures, congregated above the scene. The flock grew to a regiment, and birds started squealing, squawking and diving—crashing to the water kamikaze style, after easy targets. One took out after my popper. I stopped the retrieve, and he turned off. But as soon as the plug moved again, a bluefish seized it and ran. My pulse thumped at the temples; I was as excited as the gulls. Then, there were splashes everywhere, and they weren't caused by diving birds. Having driven their prey to the surface, the blues—a whole, great school—were now right up on top with them.

Brooke launched her first, rather tentative, cast and had a fish on the instant the lure splashed down. Nothing tentative after that; she whooped and hollered throughout the battle and released the fish with considerably less care than she required of me.

The fresh, cucumber-like smell of live fish filled our nostrils, and suddenly, a huge shoal of anchovies stranded itself on shore, desperately seeking sanctury from the bloody slaughter. Thousands of them came up in three waves; we were ankle deep in a quivering, flipping, shimmering, silvery mass of anchovies—their bright, oversized, innocent eyes pleading for mercy. Brooke responded. While I kept catching fish, she jammed the butt of her rod into the sand and scooped up armloads of the lost and helpless; tossing them back to sea. A gull, still showing the brown breast feathers of youth, emerged from a foray into the water with only one leg; landed behind us, hobbled a bit and then stood motionless, stunned on the beach. Brooke kept scooping anchovies. "This is a great moment in history," I called, "witnessing the birth of a new conservation group: Save The Anchovies." "You've got a clever remarks about everything," she shot back. Only the venomous words didn't match her tone of voice or expression. She was bubbling with joy, fighting the slaughter, but nevertheless delighted to be there. Her face was flushed, even through the suntan that took two months of careful cultivation.

"Get over here; quick!" She motioned me beside her. "Watch this." Brooke had set up a chum line (one more case of good intentions going astray). As a load of anchovies was tossed to the water, it was assaulted by snappers, young of the year bluefish, about seven inches long. And chomping away at them were their cannibalistic older generations, all within 20 feet of shore. So much for the anchovy rescue mission. Brooke returned to fishing with a new spirit and determination—ready to kill.

The hunter and the hunted.

"Damn, those fish are blind!" she lashed out, each time one splashed but missed her no-kill plugs. Nonetheless, she seemed to hook up at least as often as I, and her enthusiasm kept building. From the corner of my eye, I thought I saw her fling a fish onto the beach behind her, rather than release it with maternal tenderness. Maybe it was badly injured, I reasoned, or it might have only been some seaweed that her plug snagged. She seemed to do it again, and I watched more closely as she worked another blue into the wash. Putting the pressure on as a wave lifted the thrashing chopper, Brooke beached it, but a second wave rolled the fish further up the beach, slackening the line. And the beast threw the hook. As it tumbled back to sea on the receding foam, my wife—the rescuer of anchovies, who warned me not to kill or even hurt a fish—lunged into the suds, grabbed it near the tail, and hurled it 30 feet back onto the beach; with a single, smooth discus throw. The lure flew wildly at the end of the line. "Boy, that's a sure way to get a hook in your behind or a finger bitten through," I scolded. "What da ya think your doin', anyway?" She laughed at herself, embarrassed, "Wasn't goin' to lose a fish at that point. If they go free, it'll be on my terms." I wondered what was happening to her and shouted back my terms: "You keep 'em, you clean 'em!"

The last sliver of sun dropped below the horizon, and with that, the ruckus in the water subsided. We each picked another fish, scatterlings that became separated from their marauding comrades during the turmoil. The gulls broke into small groups and dispersed; like military platoons on search and destroy missions. A few lazy ones picked away at stranded anchovies on the sand, and the one-legged youngster joined them. It was over. I felt sort of spent, as the churning adrenalin ebbed with the tide.

The view to my right was an incredible contradiction. In the fading light of dusk, when everything is seen in blacks and greys, Brooke's electric pink blouse stood out like a beacon of life, and her face was lit with joy; while her predatory eyes scanned the sea for signs of fish. Eight stout bluefish were at her feet; the gills still pulsing on a couple, another intermittently slapped its tail. And she wanted more.

With all her tenderness, my wife killed. She didn't like the idea in the end. The savagery left in all of us frightens her and Brooke prefers to think she's somehow above that. Eating fish anonymously acquired through the intricacies of the marketplace may be cultured and dignified, especially if the recipe is fancy enough. Doing your own killing? Maybe that's okay. But enjoying the killing, for some of us, is another story—no matter how much it's in our bones.

★ TROUT FLY PRIMER ★

THE HATCHES

Part Three — *by Andrew A. Gennaro*

In Part I of this series, we had an introduction to the basic types of trout flies. In Part II, we discussed a simple, basic fly box. This is Part III, the final segment in this series, and we will conclude with important insects, their emergence times and suggest some specific matching patterns to supplement the basic fly box we compiled in Part II.

Before we begin, let's establish a few points. Firstly, the hatching times are approximate and will vary according to the type of stream, its location, the portion of stream you fish, and weather conditions. This means that hatches are likely to occur earlier on a meandering stream flowing through farm meadows, than on a faster, shaded mountain stream. Of course, this is because the slower stream meandering through open fields warms up faster. And hatches will usually be earlier in the southern waters, than the northernmost ones, and on lower portions of the trout stream. An early spring or warm days can induce hatching, and vice versa. Later in the season extremely warm temperatures restrict hatching to cool days and cooler parts of each day.

Secondly, there are literally hundreds of fly patterns which will imitate the insects we will discuss. In striving to keep this simple, I will only mention some of the more common, easily obtained patterns. I am mentioning the Latin names of the insects, should you wish to research further on your own, and as a more specific reference. This is necessary since there are several insects called Light Cahills, Blue-Winged Olives, Blue Duns, etc. If you want to get deeper into trout stream entomology, and matching specific hatches, I highly recommend "Hatches" by Caucci/Nastasi, "The Caddis and the Angler" by Solomon/Leiser and "Stoneflies for the Angler" by Boyle/Leiser. These are all available from shops and mail order retailers specializing in fly fishing tackle.

One of the first insects to hatch is the Littel Black Stonefly of the genus **capnia**. These are around a size #18 or #20 with blackish wings, body and legs. They usually begin hatching as early as February, and hatching can continue into mid-May. A size #18 Leadwing Coachman wet fly cast downstream and allowed to drag on the surface so it makes a V-wake is often effective during a hatch. A #18 or #20 Little Black Stonefly is an effective dry fly imitation.

As its name implies, the Early Brown Stonefly is another early season food source for trout. This carries the Latin name **Taeniopteryx fasciata** and it usually begins the first week of April and lasts for less than a month. The Early Brown Stonefly dry fly pattern in sizes #16 and #18 are good imitations. A size #16 Leadwing Coachman wet fly allowed to swing and drag close to the surface above a rising fish is another good choice.

The first mayflies begin appearing around April 1st. These are darkish Blue-Winged Olives known formally as **Baetis vagans**, but nicknamed Little Blue Quills. As the name implies, they have brownish-olive bodies, but the wings are dark grey, not blue. The Blue-winged Olive Blue Dun and Blue Quill names apparently originated in Great Britain many, many years ago, and I believe they relate to flies tied with greyish feathers which had a bluish cast. A size #18 Blue Dun, Blue Quill or Blue-Winged Olive is a good match. The spinner stage can be important and is imitated by a #18 brown-bodied spent winged pattern with grey wings. This particular hatch lasts about three weeks, however, other mayflies in the Baetis family hatch throughout the entire season.

Paraleptophlebia adoptiva, also called the Little Blue Quill, is the second mayfly of importance to begin hatching. This is a tiny insect with a dark brown body and greyish wings. A size #16 or #18 Blue Dun or Blue Quill is a reasonably good imitation. These same patterns tied with a brown body are more of an exact match. This hatch usually begins around mid-April and lasts into mid-May. The peak hatching activity usually takes place between 11AM and 4PM as the water warms.

The Quill Gordon, **Epeorus pleuralis**, hatches the same time as P. adoptiva. As previously mentioned, this is a sporadic hatch which I seem to miss more times than I catch. Sometimes it is important and the trout feed selectively on it; other times they could care less. The Quill Gordon is a large greyish mayfly easily identified by its two tails. It is best imitated by a #14 Quill Gordon pattern and a brown-bodied spinner the same size. The dunns usually begin hatching after lunch, and the spinner return to mate and lay their eggs before dusk.

A dark caddisfly begins hatching the third week in April and continues to hatch into late summer. This is the Chimarra, called the Little Black Caddis, or Dark Caddis. Peak hatching activity usually takes place in the morning. A size #18 Black Henryville or Black Caddis imitates the adult Chimarra well.

Next comes the Hendricksons, one of the most important hatches because of its large size and numbers which induce even the big trout to feed. The Hendricksons usually begin hatching the last week in April and can be on the water in good numbers for up to six weeks.

Angling entomologists presently recognize three mayflies of the Ephemerella genus: subvaria, invaria and rotunda as Hendricksons. These are greyish insects with a pinkish or yellowish-olive cast to their bodies. Hendricksons are easily distinguishable from Quill Gordons by their three tails. The subvaria is the darker of the Hendricksons and it begins hatching first followed by the invaria and rotunda. It is best imitated by the Dark Hendrickson, Hendrickson, and Lady Beaverkill patterns in sizes #12 to #16.

The invaria and rotunda are lighter colored Hendrickson, and generally smaller in size. They are often called "Sulphurs" because of their light color and are imitated by the Light Hendrickson in sizes #14 and #16. Light and dark Hendricksons can often be found hatching at the same time, and the fish can be extremely selective to size and color. A fisherman must be observant and change fly patterns accordingly.

A similar situation occurs when the Hendricksons first begin to hatch. The Hendrickson overlaps and follows the Blue Quill, **P. adoptiva**, and the trout are oftentimes tuned in on the latter. The fisherman easily sees the big Hendricksons, and assumes that is what the trout are taking. If he's not observant, he will continue to fish a size #14 Hendrickson when the trout want a #18 Blue Quill. A situation like this is known as a masking hatch.

Nymph patterns are effective before and during the Hendrickson hatch. Before the hatch, it should be fished deep; during the hatch, in the surface film to imitate the emerging nymph. A #14 Hendrickson nymph, Gold-Ribbed Hare's Ear, or other brownish nymph, usually does the job. The Red Quill Spinner in size #14

is a good imitation of the spinner stage.

One of the most important caddisflies, the Grannom or Shad Fly as it's called, **Brachycentrus fuliginosus**, also begins to hatch the last week in April. This is a very prolific hatch which most always leads to good fishing. It is imitated by a #16 Grannom, green-bodied Henryville, or green-bodied Delta Wing Caddis. A green pupal imitation fished in the surface film works wonders when trout are feeding on the emerger.

Two additional mayflies dubbed Blue-Winged Olives begin hatching in late May or early June. These are Ephemerella attenuata and Ephemerella cornuta. The attenuata is a #16, #18 hook size and has a dark olive body. The cornuta is a #14, #16 hook size and has a greyish-olive body. Both olives can be on the water at the same time, with trout selectively feeding on one size. Blue-Winged Olives or Blue Duns in sizes #14 through #18 are good imitations of the duns. A size #16 dark brownish-olive bodied spent wing pattern matches the spinners. These are mainly morning hatches, but can last past noon during cloudy or rainy days.

Beginning in mid-May and lasting into mid-June, the famous March Brown, **Stenonema vicarium**, begins hatching. This is a big brownish mayfly with dark brown blotches on its wings, and a yellowish-cream body topped with brown. It has two tails, whereas a larger similar looking mayfly, the Green Drake, has three.

The large size of this mayfly often brings big trout to the surface. It is well imitated by its namesake patterns: the March Brown dry fly and March Brown emerger in size #12. The emerger can be very important because of the large size of the nymphs and the way they struggle in the surface film when hatching. Peak hatching usually occurs between 10AM and 6PM.

Another member of the Stenonema family, S. fuscum, also begins hatching in mid-May. Hatching usually ends in late June. This is a creamish-yellowish mayfly with similar but lighter markings than the March Brown, known as the Grey Fox. Matching patterns are the Grey Fox and Light Cahill in size #14.

Ephemerella dorothea is a small, but important Sulphur which hatches from mid-May through June in our region. On colder streams, I have seen it last much longer. The dun has a yellowish body and whitish wings. It is best imitated by a Sulphur, Light Cahill or Pale Evening Dun in size #16 or #18. This is generally a late afternoon or evening hatch. A size #16 tan-bodied spinner, as mentioned in an earlier segment, is also important.

I have never seen a Green Drake, **Ephemera guttulata**, hatch in New Jersey and in all my years of fishing I can only recall seeing one Green Drake dun in this state. That was many years ago on the Roy Tract of the Big Flat Brook. On the other hand, Pennsylvania and Catskill streams have excellent hatches of these big bombers. This is another of those big, prolific hatches which bring up the big fish.

The Green Drake dun has a creamish-greyish-olive body and yellowish wings with a tinge of yellow-green. Its wings have dark brown or black blotches. Females can have bodies measuring 1½ inches long! The spinner stage, known as the Coffin Fly because of its somber coloring, has a waxy-white body and clear blotchy wings. A size #10 Green Drake dry, Coffin Fly, White Wulff or white-bodied spinner patterns, all work. The spinner is the most important stage of the Green Drake.

Memorial Day is the time I start looking for the Green Drake on the waters I fish. The hatch rarely lasts longer than two weeks. Fishing the spinner fall is not without its problem as the quantity of insects covering the water makes it difficult for both you and the fish to find your fly. Another problem is that on very hot days, the spinners may not mate and fall onto the water until after dark. Have you ever tried to fish with thousands of insects covering the water to trout you can hear, but can't see?

The Light Cahills, **Stenonema canadensis** and **ithaca**, can be found hatching from late afternoon into evening, between mid-June and mid-July. A #12 or #14 Light Cahill fly pattern is an appropriate imitation. These are creamish-yellowish mayflies with lightly barred wings.

Yet another Sulphur is the **Epeorus vitrea** which emerges during the afternoons or early evenings, of early June through early July. The dun of this mayfly is recognizable by its pale yellowish body with an olive cast, and pale grey wings. The female's body is orangish from the egg masses it contains and this is the easiest way a duffer can make an identification. A size #14 Light Cahill, Pale Evening Dun, Sulphur or Little Maryatt are good imitations.

Another big mayfly which brings up big trout is the Golden Drake, or **Potomanthus distinctus**. You will find

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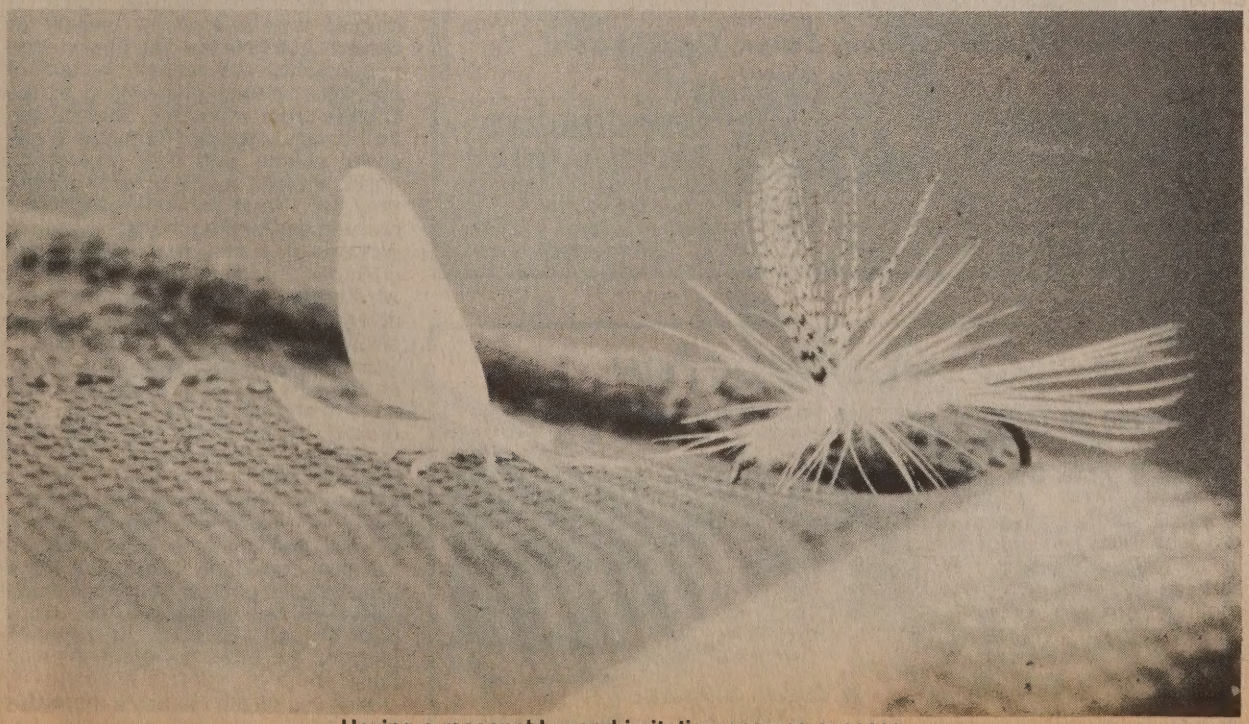

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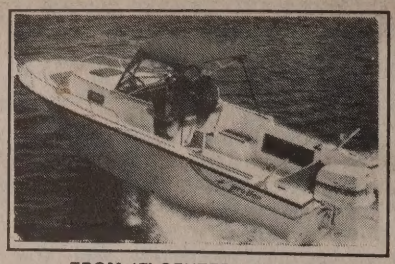
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this insect on streams and sections of streams having a silty bottom. It usually hatches from mid-June into early August and towards dark. The overall color is yellowish, whereas other members of the Potomanthus family are creamish. A #10 or #12 Light Cahill, Cream Variant or Yellow Drake is a good imitation.

The Mahogany Duns, **Isonychia bicolor** and **Isonychia sadleri**, are yet another big mouthful for trout. These are slate-grey winged mayflies with a brownish-grey body and yellowish legs. Their front legs are dark, with the exception of the tips which are yellowish, giving the impression it is wearing gloves. It holds its front legs out straight in front of it which is an easy clue to identification. Mahogany Duns can be found hatching from early june through early September, mostly late in the afternoon or on cloudy days. A weighed #12 Zug Bug or Leadwing Coachman nymph are good imitations of the natural nymph which swims to streamside rocks to emerge. The dun is imitated by a #12 Blue Dun, Leadwing Coachman, Slate Drake or Dun Variant.

One of the smallest, but most important late season mayflies, is the White-Winged Black or Tricorythodes stygiatus, called "Trico" for short. The spinner stage is the most important and the only pattern you need to carry is a #22 black-bodied dry fly with white or light grey spent wings. The spinner flight takes place in the morning while much of the stream is still in shade. Once the sun rises, the mating and egg laying are over for that day. This is usually around noon. Spinners fall to the surface by the hundreds, and trout find easy pickings. Tricos are on the water from late June through October.

The last important insect hatch I'll discuss isn't a stonefly, mayfly or caddisfly. This is the tiny two-winged midges which are common on many of our trout streams and belong to the **Diptera** order of insects. Midges can be found hatching throughout the entire season, and they provide an important food source in spite of their tiny size. Trout can often be found cruising and sipping midges in slower portions of a stream. A simple, yet effective, midge pattern is a small wisp of light grey poly yarn tied as a downwing over a black, grey, grown or olive body on a #20 or #22 hook.

This completes our three part series on trout fly basics. Hopefully, it will get you started on the right foot and broaden your effectiveness as a trout fisherman. In retrospect, you will notice I didn't give you a ton of patterns to match every stage of every insect, nor did I mention every insect. We discussed only the ones I felt were the most important. These give you a basis to build upon as your knowledge and expertise expands. Also, your basic fly box (part #2) will provide patterns for many in-between situations.

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with Mrs. Lorry Mangan

Snowshoe flounder have picked up in quality and quantity. They are mixed with many large blackfish both at Gardiner's and in local Montauk waters. Pollock continue to provide action, while codfish catches are erratic. Porgies have appeared in the Peconics. Weakfishing, slowed by the full moon, is expected to be strong by this weekend. Blues are all over Southold, Peconic, and Gardiner's bays.

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Henry Uihlein reported "plenty of blackfish, plenty of flounder!" from rentals from **Uihlein's Boat Rentals**, with most anglers fishing local Montauk waters. Since a few fluke were included in catches, Henry has stocked up on fresh spearing, sand eels and fresh local squid for the weekend.

Joan, at **Captain's Cove Marina**, saw a lot of very nice flatties brought in over the weekend, most caught at Gardiner's and many in the two and three pound range. Blackfish catches continue on the increase. A good catch of sea bass was made near the Point on Thursday. Talk of the marina, however, remains the large pollock being taken aboard the **Mistress Too** by Captain Fritz Hubner.

Captain Fritz Hubner reported sustained, pollock catches on the **Mistress Too**, with big fish, most in the twenty-eight to thirty pound range, hitting both tubes trolled on downriggers and diamond jigs. Wednesday's trip with Gus Montia and Friday's trip with Joe Herbek, each returned with thirty big pollock. Sunday's charter with Frank Spano caught eleven pollock and four cod. Monday's group, Dave Merz and his friends from Dix Hills, stopped fishing after fighting and boating eleven huge pollock. Captain Fritz stated that action on these big fish couldn't be better, and expects it to last several more weeks.

Captain Betty Forsberg stated that, while the weekend's scheduled Georges Banks trip on the **Viking Starship** is sold out, a few tickets are available for Monday's scheduled Nantucket Wreck trip, the only one scheduled for 1986.

Captain Ron Grandinetti fished on the **Julie III** on Saturday with Fred Johnson on Montauk's south side and at Culloden Point. Final tally included 107 flounder in the one to two and a half pound range. Sea bass from one to four pounds, two dozen blackfish and a couple of blowfish. The sea bass totaled up to eighty fish.

Captain Mike Albronda reported good catches with snowshoe flounder and cod this week on the charter boat **Montauk**, berthed at the **Montauk Marine Basin**. Last Monday's flounder trip to Gardiner's Island with Bill LaPoint of New Jersey, resulted in eighty-four flatties to almost four pounds in weight, along with ten blackfish. Saturday's trip with Tony Trapone of Brooklyn saw fourty-nine snowshoes to three pounds come over the rail. On Sunday, eight year old Anthony Riccade of New Rochelle showed his dad how to fish, when he easily handled a twelve pound fifteen ounce blackfish, a five and a half pound sea bass, and caught his share of thirty-nine very large flounder. All flounder action took place off Gardiner's Island on clam and worms. Friday's codfish trip With Otto Muller of Westchester found thirteen cod, all over fifteen pounds, with the largest thirty pounds. About a dozen sea bass were also caught. This action took

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A spokesman for the **Marine Basin** reported varying success with both flounder and cod, with fishing affected by the wind and fog in mid-week.

Some very good cod catchs went unreported in last week's issue. Catches of thirty-five cod to thirty pounds by Lenny Green on May 17th, and of twenty-nine to thirty-five pounds by the Del Lab Fishing Club on May 18th. The past weekend's fishing efforts on the **King Wayne** centered on Gardiner's flounder. Thursday's trip with a group from American Express bailed flounder at Gardiner's on an afternoon trip, sixty-five flatties were caught in a few hours of fishing. Saturday's trip with employees of Greene Air Conditioning and Heating caught seventy-two flounder to two and a half pounds in weight, with some blackfish and stray fluke. On Sunday the Park Star Fishing Club of the Bronx was well satisfied with very big flounder. However, the wives of the club members put the men to shame. Connie Buckley won the pool with a six and a half pound blackfish, Ann Kiernan caught the largest flounder, three and a half pounds.

early last week, Captain Michael Potts trolled eight pollock in the twenty to thirty pound range, and six cod to fifteen pounds with the Teirinato's from Syracuse, New York. Sunday's charter on the **Bluefin IV**, with Joe Pepas and his family from Westchester, landed seven pollock to thirty pounds early in the trip, then fished local Montauk waters for sixty-five sea bass, most in the two to three pound range. Although Tuesday was a bit sloppy on Southwest Ledge, Paul Troy of Connecticut and his friends caught eighteen cod fish, average size twelve to fifteen pounds (pool twenty pounds) fishing on the **Bluefin I**. Half dozen each of large blackfish, sea bass and several big flounder added variety to the catch.

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good catchs as close as Culloden Point, Gin Beach and at Can 5 just outside the harbor. Blackfish are very good at Eastern Plains Point and there are enough mackerel and blues around to add spice to the catch. On Saturday a ramp customer, Phil Kess with Dan Sotto, fished west of Block Island for two-hundred pounds of mackerel. A marina customer, fished on his private craft "Bon-E-Len" in ten feet of water at Tobaccolot Bay for twenty-eight flatties to three pounds in weight. The "Barbara Ann", owned by Gene Ritter, first fished in the Lake, catching fifty flounder to one and three quarters pounds, and then went to the south side when the weather cleared. Gene returned with fourty sea bass ranging from "pins" to three and a half pounds with half a dozen blackfish. Although Tim McNamara and his group reported stron moon tides at Gardiner's Island, they managed fifty-one flatties to two and three quarter pounds, with some tog. On Sunday, Pete Scala, fishing alone boated fourty-five flounder to three pounds fishing Rocky Point, Culloden Point and Gin Beach. Finally a catch of cod was made aboard the "Partnership", some of the fish eighteen to twenty-one pounds. Tom reported all rental skiffs are ready and plenty of fresh and forzen bait is on hand for late spring fishing.

Captain Bob Storc of the charter boat **Caprice** reported a large catch of snowshoe flounder with John, Sean and Bob Petroccio of Auburn, New York fishing south of the Point.

On a charter on Wednesday, on the **Allyssa Ann**, Captain Bill Ricca fished with Vincent Iacono of Oceanside. The group caught eighty-two flounder to two and a half pounds along with several five pound blacks. Several porgies and sea bass added interest to

Marc Schwarz and his son Scott with a nice catch of Moriches Bay flatties taken back on April 30th. The father and son team fished out of Silly Lily Fishing Station in East Moriches.

the catch, made at Gardiner's Island.

Edelman's Lou Rosado reported decent flounder fishing on the weekend at various spots off Gardiner's Island, with efforts hampered at times by northeast winds, terrific boat Traffic, and strong moon tides. Best fishing Saturday was at Tobaccolot Bay where most fish weighed over two pounds. Some fish were also caught at the north end of Gardiner's in fifty feet of water. On Sunday, flatties in the two and a half to three pound range were caught at Gardiner's and at Green Hills (with blackfish) when the winds abated. On board the Bullett were Bob, "Cod fish" Cathy and Nick. Bluefish were observed at Gardiner's North Rip.

Watch Long Island Fishing this week (WLIG-TV, Channel 55) for details on a chance to win a free charter trip for two on the **Mako Express**, for school tuna. The program is aired weekly at 7:3; pm on Fridays and is carried on most cable stations (except Cablevision).

SOUTH FORK

George Pharaoh of **Bayview Marine and Tackle** in **Sag Harbor** reports a mixed bag at Cedar Point on Sunday. Bob Ruert of Queens fished that area, returning to the marina with blackfish to five pounds in weight, several porgies and flounder. A few weaks were caught over the weekend both at Jessups and Middle Grounds, with catches off from the previous week. Most anglers, however, had three or four ranging to eight pounds. Bluefish are everywhere, including Middle Grounds, Jessups and Gardiner's Island.

Vinnie Sombrotto, Bert Razzetti, John Alutto and Morty Lewin teamed aboard Vinnie's 'Sun 'N Fun' last Tuesday to take weaks of 9, 10 and 12 pounds along with a mess of blues from the ferry slip. They used jellyworm and squid combos on outgoing water and had the trip cut short by wind and rain.

Captain Artie Lach reported pretty good action on the night weakfish trips on the **Wilhelric II** the past week, with an average of twenty to twenty-five weakfish caught each trip with an equal number of bluefish. Captain Lach feels that the best weakfishing is yet to come now that full moon tides are easing up. On Thursday's trip, the head chef at Bobby Van's, Scott Aldrich, won the pool with a thirteen pound weak. On Friday, the largest of Dennis Connor's three weaks weighed a whopping fourteen and one quarter pounds. Saturday's pool was caught by College Point resident Mike Schonig, his largest of four, thirteen and a half pounds. A couple of fluke have been taken each night. The Gardiner's Island flounder trips have been excellent with fishing described as the best of the year. Average catches range around twelve to fifteen

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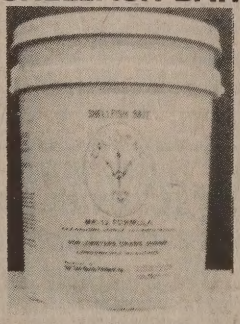

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flatties per man of fish in the one and a half to three pound range. Recently, Josie and Joe Bacci of East Farmingdale copped the pool. Captain Lach pointed out that weather conditions are critical to floundering, the best being light winds and bright sun.

Sherry reported on the activities of marina customers at **Sherry & Joe Corr's Best Boatworks** on the holiday weekend. Jerry Markus plucked about a dozen bluefish from the Shinnecock Inlet. Bob Tangolics was able to fish the Panther Wreck on Sunday, where a dozen sea bass and a few blackfish were caught. Some fluke were caught near the Shinnecock Canal.

Marilyn, the mate on the charter boat **M&M's** called to say that because of last week's offshore action, the new M&M's (a 36 foot Topez) is now fishing for offshore species, mako, tuna, marlin and wahoo. The boat is fully equipped with the latest electronics and top of the line offshore tackle. Call for charter information.

From Thom Speckenback, at **Speck's Bait and Tackle** in **Southampton**, no news of Peconic Bay weakfish on the holiday weekend probably due in part to the full moon and extra ordinary boat traffic. Shinnecock Basket and Bouy 20 were the choice for flounder fishermen. The inlet still holds blacks at the jetty while a few keeper fluke came into the inlet. Regulars know to Peconics can be a "feast or famine", a good start on porgies in mid-week dwindled to a crawl on the holiday. Boat traffic is blamed. Tony DeMar, Peter Cipolla, and friend Everett, traveled to Gardiner's where they caught thirty-six flatties, many two pounds, on Saturday.

South Shore REPORT

with Fred Golofaro

The long holiday weekend provided plenty of fishing opportunities for anglers in this area despite some breezy weather. Fluke action continued on the upswing, small blues remained thick at the inlets and in both bays and flounder continue to provide action in both bays though Moriches has a decided edge here. No offshore news this week though several boats made attempts at sharking and instead returned with bluefish. Weakfish continue to be the big surprise at this stage of the season as good numbers of tiderunners continue to be taken in Great South Bay. Most impressive is the size of many of the yellowfins.

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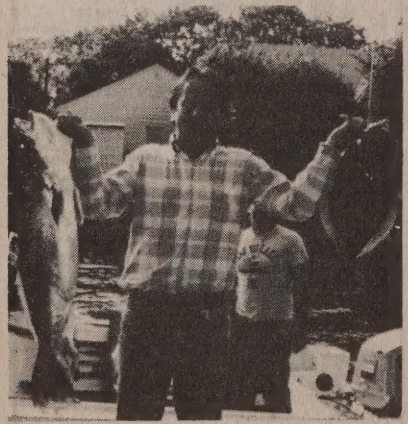
MORICHES BAY & INLET

From **Silly Lily Fishing Station** in **East Moriches**, Gary Grunseich reported that most boats on the weekend managed between 20 and 60 flatties apiece working deep water between buoys 29 and 39. The fish ranged from ¾ to 1½ pounds with an occasional larger flattie mixed in. A few blowfish and blackfish are mixed with the flounder. Fish are being taken on both tides with moving water the key. On Friday, Fred Kleinsteuber and Charlie Timm finished up the day at Buoy 36 with over 100 flatties. Fluke catches have been scattered with no serious attempts made by any of Gary's customers. The station owner figured the picture would change dramatically within the next week or two. Lots of small blues roaming the bay, particularly in the early morning and evening hours. Bring small tins and follow the birds if you are looking to mix in some bluefish action with your floundering or fluking.



John Caramanico boated this huge tiderunner weak on Saturday, 5-17, Great South Bay's West Channel. It tipped the scale at Frank and Dick's Bait Station at 17 lbs. 2 oz. Taken on 15 lb. test Ande, the Amityville angler boated the trophy weak after a 15 minute battle.

GREAT SOUTH BAY/ FIRE ISLAND INLET

From **J & J Tackle** in **Patchogue**, Paul Graniello reported a catch of 46 flatties to 2 pounds for Jack, Donna and Jack, Jr. Johnson on Wednesday. The family fished Moriches Bay. Also on Wednesday, Gary White checked a 7½ pound weak that he took in West Channel. On Thursday, Clay Hardman showed up with a catch of 32 blowfish to 1½ pounds which he took from the banks of the Shinnecock Canal. On Saturday, Capt. Bill Schiario and Ralph Manginello accounted for 4 weaks up to 10 pounds working the West Channel area. A trio of locals went east to Peconic Bay and returned with some impressive fluke. Doc Gallo clicked with a 9.7 pound doormat, John Rossi, an 8.2 and Ray Souter had a 7.4 pound fluke. Moriches Bay provided Don Harrison with a catch of 20 keeper fluke up to 4¾ pounds on Monday (5/26). The big surprise of the week was the occasional occurance of bluefish blitzes at the Patchogue and Blue Point Docks. The 1-2 pound choppers caught a number of anglers by surprise, needless to say. A few keeper fluke are also being taken from these docks with rumors of a 6 pounder floating about.

Dave Canale at **J & R Sports Center** in **Oakdale** reported some good fluke action in the bay though lots of shorts are making up the catches. Quite a few blowfish now being taken, particularly in the State Channel area. Small blues continue to roam all over the bay and inlet. There was good blackfishing at Kismet, Oak Beach, the Sore Thumb and the Coast Guard Station on green or fiddler crabs.

Weakfish continue to please many anglers. On Sunday, Wilbur Belkirch clicked with a 11¾ pound tiderunner at West Channel. Tom and Brian Cashman had a pair of 8 pound weaks along with some blues at Ocean Beach the same day.

"Weakfish continue to get most of the attention from boatmen in this area," according to Jim Romano of **Peppy's Tackle Shop** in **East Islip**. Still a good pick of fish underway at West Channel with a showing of smaller fish in the 5-6 pound class in Range Channel and at Heckscher. On Friday, R. Bender and his son Tom put away 3 weaks up to 11.5 pounds. They worked West Channel with sand and jellyworm combos on the flood tide. Blackfish action has been good at Kismet with the majority of the fish under 5 pounds but with an occasional bulldog being taken. Schools of small bluefish are roaming the bay and inlet. Trollers and jiggers each taking their fair share of fish. Some pretty good fluking this week between the inlet and the Lighthouse and particularly at the southwest corner of the Robert Moses Bridge. Still some flounder at the Sore Thumb with a few still being taken at Clam Pond. Scattered blowfish are mixed with the flounder and fluke.

Capt. Neil Delanoy of the **Bay Shore** open boat **Laura Lee** spoke of plenty of fluke action in the vicinity of West Channel and Sexton Island. Depending on the day, ⅓ to ½ of the fish are keepers with some reaching the 3-4 pound mark. Some bay blues mixing with the fluke each day. Best bait in the early going has been spearing and squid combos. On Saturday's trip, Gene Wong kept 9 of 19 fluke. On Sunday, Dick and Betty Hinkel culled 10 keepers out of a catch of 28. Warren Delanoy clicked with 9 keepers out of a total of 32 fluke he decked on Monday. He also had a ½ dozen bluefish.

"Weaks are holding up good," according to Carl Miller of **Smokey's Tackle Shop** in **Bay Shore.** Jelly/sandworm combos fished on Smokey's Special Weakfish rigs has been producing best. Lots of 7 and 8 pound fish checked in this week but still some big tiderunners being taken. Dr. Braunstein and his son James worked West Channel from their 'Hawkeye' on Saturday. James connected with a 15 pound yellowfin. The pair also added a 12 pounder to the catch. West Channel, the north end of Range Channel and Buoy 8-behind West Island continue to provide the best shot at weaks. A lot of small fluke in the vicinity of the inlet and the bridge. The majority of the summer flatties are shorts but there's quite a bit of action. Blues from 1-4 pounds are all over the bay and inlet for casters, trollers and jiggers. Small tins, 007 jigs or umbrella rigs are accounting for most of the fish. Blackfishing remains good at the R.M. Bridge and Kismet Reef with some small sea bass and blowfish mixed with the tog.

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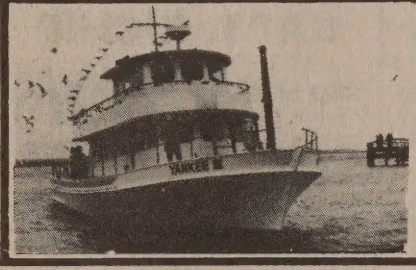

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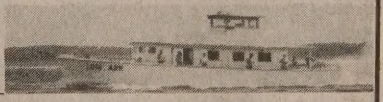

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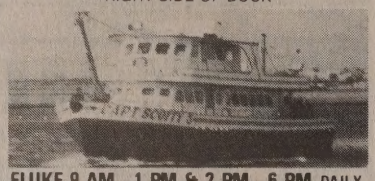

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tion reported an excellent week of fishing with weaks, blues, blacks and fluke being particularly cooperative. While good numbers of weaks continue to be taken there has been a showing of smaller fish in the 6-8 pound range in the bay. Not all fall into that category, however. On Saturday, East Bay Angler Club member Gerard Sireci of Queens put a weak of 13.10 pounds into a private boat in West Channel. Some nice size fluke are beginning to show as well. On Thursday, Rich Reinert of Glendale put a 6½ pounder aboard the **Jib VII**. Frank LoShiaro went no further than the Fisherman's Walk out in front of the shop to take a 3¼ pound fluke. Noel noted that there has been a good pick of fluke off of the Fisherman's Walk while the Jones Beach piers have been producing some fine flounder catches. Shore anglers continue to do an excellent job on blackfish on the north side of Robert Moses State Park. Fishing is being done from the Construction Dock east to the R.M. Fishing Piers. Bluefish are all over the bay and inlet where they are being taken by fluke and weakfish anglers. Umbrella rig trollers and jiggers using 007s have been racking up some impressive scores with the small choppers.

Capt. Charlie Kennedy of the **Captree** open boat **Captain Joseph II** reported his fares got in a good shot at flounder on Saturday morning inside the Sore Thumb Pocket. He spoke of good fluking on both Sunday and Monday afternoons. He asked that we remind customers that he will concentrate solely on fluke beginning this week. Evening weakfish trips have seen lots of bluefish ranging from 2 to 5 pounds mixing in with the weaks. The two best tiderunners of the week were a 12.2 pounder taken by Ron DiPrima of Wantagh and a 12 pound tiderunner taken by John Schwanoff of Ronkonkoma. Saturday's evening trip drew a blank on weaks but saw at least 75 blues taken. Andy Berger was high hook with 13. Please note that evening weakfish trips now begin at 6PM rather than 5PM.

Capt. Rod Westerlind of the **Captree** open boat **Capt. Rod** spoke of a good run of fluke with lots of shorts but plenty of action. The addition of small bluefish mixing in with the fluke has helped spice the action as has the arrival of some larger flatties. Terrance Smith of Commack copped Saturday's pool with a 5 pounder.

"Pretty decent fluking all week," according to Capt. George Tweedy of the **Capt. Scotty 3**. Lots of 12-13" fish provide plenty of action and will result in a good supply of keepers later in the season. Most days see fares average 5-10 keepers apiece though Monday was a particularly tough day. Sandeels, killies and squid strips have been effective in the bait department. Very few weaks taken on evening trips this week but some nights saw anglers do a nice job with bay blues.

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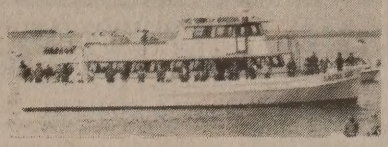

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"Another decent week on weaks" according to Tom Healy of **Augie's Tackle Shop** in **Babylon** with some very impressive tiderunners still falling to jelly and sandworms. Ray Bartlett had the best fish of the week, a 13 pound tiderunner taken at Ocean Beach. On Wednesday, Mike and Anthony Romano used sandworms at Ocean Beach to take weaks of 12.11 and 12.7 pound respectively. Schuyler Watt put away a 12.10 pound tiderunner in West Channel on Friday, while Bob Purdy settled for a 10½ pounder. Barry Simons fishing aboard Tom Vezo's 'Impressions' Sunday morning, connected with an 11.12 pound weak. On Monday, Keith Brander had a 10 pounder while Jay Brander put a 2.6 pound fluke in the box. Of the fluking, Tom felt it was off to a good start and noted that while there are many shorts being taken the majority of keepers are being taken on the flood. Blackfishing remains good at Kismet Reef on green or fiddler crabs and lots of small blues are being trolled and jigged from the inlet east to Kismet inside the bay. Blues are spread throughout the bay for casters. Joe Gallo had an impressive winter flounder of 2.5 pounds on Friday. The catch was made even more impressive by the fact that he caught it from the Robert Moses Fishing Pier.

Over at **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle** Mike Andreani reported lots of weakfish in the 6-8 pound class checked in this week particularly between Friday and Monday. Anglers reported taking most of the fish in West Channel and at Ocean Beach in the early morning or late evening hours. Red jellyworms have accounted for the vast majority of the fish. Fluke are providing quite a bit of action however boatmen are taking more shorts than keepers. Blacks remain very good at Kismet and the Sore Thumb while flounder continue to hold on at the Thumb and in Clam Pond. Plenty of blues on 007 jigs throughout the inlet area as well as in the bay.

Speaking from **Bob's Bait and Tackle** in **Amity Harbor**, Bob Vitale spoke of looking over a nice mess of flounder taken in the Sore Thumb Pocket on Saturday by Jim Claude and Ray Fuoto. He was more impressed with the 6 pound fluke they took on a jellyworm while trying to attract a weak in West Channel. Fred Walters aboard his 'Reel Affair' managed a handful of keeper fluke along with a load of blues at the inlet on Saturday. The blues, which ranged from 1-3 pounds, were taken on 007 jigs and small tins like the Hopkins. Barry Mack ran his 'Cathy's Too' 17 miles south of Fire Island Inlet in search of sharks on Saturday. Instead, bluefish raided the chum slick and the crew settled for a boxfull of 9-10 pound choppers. Quite a few weaks continue to be taken in the bay. The largest weighed in this week was a 12.5 pound tiderunner taken on Thursday by Mike McDermott. He also had some blues. On Wednesday, Bob Wellman went no further than Unqua Point to take 7 blues up to 4 pounds. Fluking is decent from the inlet to the bridge, flounder still available at Massapequa Cove and the Sore Thumb Pocket and some blue claw

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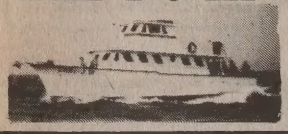

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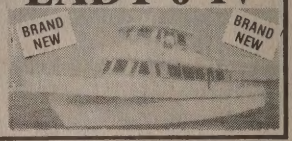

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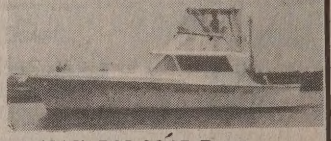

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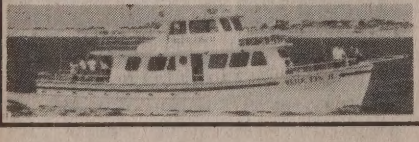

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crabs beginning to show from the dock at Tanner Park.

Frank Pristera of **Edelman's Sporting Goods** in **Farmingdale** said that weakfishing remains good in the West Channel area. He was among the crew of the 'Madness' on Saturday and witnessed his son Frank, Jr. put away a 10½ pound tiderunner. They had a couple of other weaks as well. These fish were taken near Buoy 12. On Sunday, the same crew trolled a mess of blues while Ricky Pristera decked his first bluefish, a 4 pounder. John Beeruti nailed an 11 pound weak at Ocean Beach on incoming water Saturday morning. Most of the talk around the store has been weakfish as everyone has been pumped up by the surprisingly good spring run. Lots of small blues roaming the bay and inlet for trollers, casters and jiggers. A reminder that Lou Rosado will be conducting a Shark Clinic on June 8th at the Bay Village Inn.

West End REPORT

with Stu Miller

This past week saw very good action and catches on flounder, fluke and bay blues with a tapering down on the bridge blackfishing. With three beautiful sunny days on this holiday weekend, there was plenty of fishing done, plenty of boat traffic and lots of good catches put together. Fluke action is very strong but with a high number of throwbacks, yet enough keepers to make it very worthwhile. Generally speaking, it was a strong week, a good one for anglers.

WEST END BAYS/ JONES INLET

Starting with the Seaford area, we hear from **Wanser's Tackle** of super floundering this week at Massapequa Cove, 4 Corners, 3rd Wantagh, black banks and Ft. Neck Pt., with flatties to 2 lbs. with best catches being made all around the high. Lon told of customers having very good fluking action in Reynolds, Swift Creek, Sloop Channel, Haunts and Goose Creeks, 4 Corners and Massapequa Cove. Lots of midgets but also a good number of keepers. Some weakfish at the 3rd Wantagh and at Ft. Neck Point caught on sand worms on a 3 foot leader fished on the bottom. Small blues in Haunts Creek and Jones Inlet on small jigs Hopkins and Kastmasters. Blackfishing on a down turn in the bay but good now on the Rota and T wrecks now.

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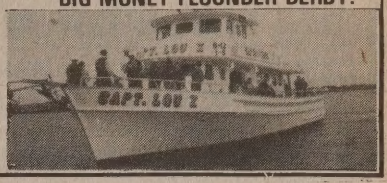

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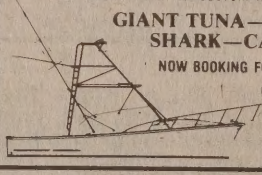

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Al Culen and Frank Lobmier with part of a big catch of flatties to 2½ lbs. taken in early May near the 2nd Wantagh Bridge. Photo courtesy of Causeway Bait and Tackle.

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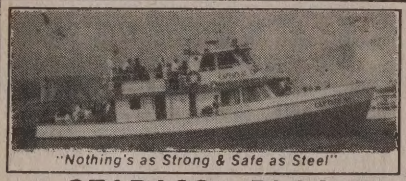
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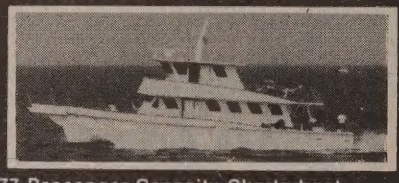

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A call from Joe at **Kim's Reef Fishing Station** told that their rental skiffs on the weekend had mixed bags of flounder, fluke and blowfish. Pool fish for the weekend was caught by Jim Rose of Seaford, an 8 lb. 10½ oz. fluke caught in West Channel on Saturday with the fish weighed in on the station's electronic scale. This doormat fell victim to a squid strip on an incoming tide.

Word from **Captain Eddie's Fishin Station** is that during the week the floundering was very good in the area of the third Wantagh with nice sized fish up to 3 lbs. 4 oz., to the tune of 35 to 60 fish per rental skiff. Best results were had on bloods and mussel and plenty of chum. Two hours all around the high seemed to be best. Lots of fluke action with a 20 percent keeper ratio. Bay blues 3 to 6 lbs. just outside the inlet with a few on the inside as well, mostly hitting fluke bait.

A call from **Pop's Fishing Station** told of good flounder fishing at buoys 14 and 17, 4 Corners. Tom Pappas caught 43 flounder to 2½ lbs. in this area. Fluke now starting to show.

Over in Wantagh, **Causeway Bait and Tackle** told of Tuesday's catch for Charlie Digiacomo, Levittown, fishing the Big M area and taking 60 flounder to 3 lbs. 10 oz. on worms. Ann bagged a 9 lb. 5 oz. weak on 4 lb. test line fishing Sunken Meadow on a sand worm. Charlie and Warren managed 16 keeper fluke to 3 lbs. fishing Reynolds Saturday using killie and squid. Roy Dobbins bagged a 5 lb. fluke fishing the 3rd Wantagh area on killies. Tuesday saw Denny and Joe Tatoo totalling 190 flatties to 1½ lbs. fishing the 3rd W on bloods and mussels on a dropping tide. Jack Conrad of Atlantic Anglers on Friday was happy with 90 flounder and 20 blackfish taken at the 2nd Wantagh on outgoing water with worm and mussel as hook bait.

Word from Scott at **Merrick Tackle** in Bellmore was of the bay blues hitting Hopkins and Kastmasters at the mouth of Jones Inlet just about all week long. Fluking seemed to be best in Swift Creek with a 10 percent keeper ratio. Other good fluking areas were the Big M region and the waters off the Short Beach CG station. Keep in mind that the high number of throwback fluke is a sign of a healthy fishery.

At **Garan's Tackle** in Merrick, Randy tells of customers having very good flounder catches all through the week and weekend. Fluking has also been an active pursuit with a fair number of keepers involved. Bay blues seem to be all over the place, he said, mainly at the inlet mouth in the morning hours. Small tins seem to be working best. Blackfish action seems now mostly confined to the jetty area and the inshore wrecks on fiddlers and green crab.

Moving over to the Freeport area, we hear from Capt. Pat of the **Lady J III** and **IV** that this week's fishing saw

some very good flounder action and also saw some fair flounder action but there were no days that you could call poor. Fish were mixed. One trip this week was for ocean bottom action on ling, sea bass and blacks while another day, Sunday saw fluke as the target of opportunity with a lot of midgets, but enough keepers to keep it interesting, with a pool fish close to 5 lbs. Trips this week were for Engine 47, NYCFD, the Association of Retired Police Officers of Nassau County, 26th Precinct NYPD, the Bob Sweeney group of Cohoes, NY, the Mel Farrel group, the James Ostrowski group and Carken Plumbing.

A call from the **Miss Freeport II** told of good floundering all week long with sizes quite nice, to 2 lbs., with up to 30 a man Monday through Friday. Numbers slid a little on the weekend due to moon tides. The boat will be staying with bay flounder fishing as it is too good to leave. The boat is now fishing 2 flounder trips daily and is bluefishing 7PM to 1AM every night starting Friday.

Word from Captain Richie Kessinger of the **Starstream II** is that his passengers have been enjoying good catches of sea bass to 4 lbs., ling to 4 lbs., and blackfish to 10 plus lbs., during this past week. Also caught were an 8 lb. cod, stray bluefish and an occasional big fluke. Richie says the fish are moving as the water warms and there's plenty of activity.

We learn from the **Capt. Lou Fleet** that on the full day boat Monday and Tuesday were a slaughter on flounder. Brooklyn angler Jack Reed had 112 to 3 lbs. Bill Suraci of Queens had 106. Lou Piergiorgo of Astoria settled for 102 while Charlie Allshein and Rich Biernstein, both of Riverdale, NY had 180 between them. Sunday's high hook was in the 50s and this Monday's high hook was also in the 50s. On the half day boat, skippered by Capt. Doug, catches were also excellent early in the week with high hooks in the 20s.

Floundering was excellent aboard the **Capt. Andy II** this week with all action local in Swift, and the areas of the CG Station and the bridges with fish 3/4 lbs. and up on worm and clam.

We learned from Capt. Sy Karlin of the **Blue Fin Fleet** that flounder action continues to improve, likewise on fluke, sea bass and blacks. Friday, drifting local waters with spearing, a trip for IT&T gleaned approximately 100 keepers out of about 350 total fluke. Pat Russo had a 4 lber. while Dave Massino was high hook. Saturday and Sunday fares had large catches of sea bass and blacks Saturday with the same on Sunday but also catches of cod and ling on offshore wrecks. Norm Hosborn had the largest sea bass, a 3 lber. This action was in 100 feet of water SE of Jones. Flounder continue good to the east. Williston Park angler Miller Schrof managed a 2½ lber. while Stewart Cohen of Farmingdale had 16 flatties. Worms have been working

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From **Lou's Fishing Station** at the foot of Woodcleft Canal we hear of an excellent weekend of fishing. Lou said flounder were very strong off the CG Station and the Jones Beach pier area. Fluking was very good with lots of throwbacks and a good number of keepers in both Jones and Reynolds. Blues from Jones through Debs on bait and tins, fish 1 to 3 lbs. A customer on Monday fishing just south of the BA had a tubful of 12 to 15 lb. blues on butterfish and chum. No shark yet, but loads of big blues offshore on the shark grounds.

From the **Freeport Boatmen's Association** Bob tells of a great week of fishing on flounder, fluke, sea bass and blacks and blues, blues running 1 to 3 lbs. The **Super Spray II** has been catching lots of fluke with about a 40 percent keeper ratio. Bob feels the flounder are dug in here now for the season while the blacks and sea bass are in solid at the in and offshore rocks, reefs and wrecks.

A call from Capt. Dennis of the charter boat **Corsair** told of Saturday's flounder trip for S&S Equipment sales, Jamaica, working between the Big M and the Third Wantagh with lots of drops required. Worms work best. It was an excellent day the skipper said with high hook honors going to Jeff Immoor of Baldwin. Monday's charter for Joseph Guccione and family of Long Beach had a good catch of flounder just east of the Wantagh Parkway, again worms working best. The skipper said that chumming just brings a lot of crabs now. The flounder he's been catching have mud on them which would seem to indicate a new batch of fish coming out of the mud. Flatties have been running from 3/4 to 1½ lbs. and there's also been lots of throwbacks.

Over in Pt. Lookout, we learn from Capt. Al Lindroth of the **Captain Al** says his fares have been really doing a job on sea bass and ling with a few blackfish mixed in as well and an occasional small cod. With the exception of Friday everyday right through Memorial Day was dynamite he said, with fish moving closer in towards the beach as the week progressed. Excellent mixed bags now said the skipper.

A call from the charter boat **Marie III** told of Friday's charter for the 103 Precinct, Jamaica, having super fluking in the eastern end of Reynolds down to the golf course with over 800 fluke caught with a 30 percent keeper ratio. The three day weekend saw good fluking again from the town of Hempstead marina to Debs Inlet. About 400 to 500 fish a day were caught with the keeper ratio ranging from 25 to 50 percent. Pool fish have been in the 5 lb. class with many 2 to 3 pounders taken. A couple of small blues have been mixed in everyday and on Saturday PM, bay blues were all over the top in Jones Inlet.

A call from Capt. Ron of the brand new **Miss Point Lookout II**, told of a

Ron Young, Jonathan Pervis and Buster Dennis with 10 weaks to 11 lbs. and a 4 lb. fluke caught at the South Race in Peconic Bay on 5-10-86. Fishing was done out of Capt. Marty's Fishing Station in New Suffolk.

good week of flounder fishing, especially the early part of the week. Monday's AM trip had Irv and Mary with 38. Wednesday's AM trip saw Paul Kramer with 68 and regular JL with 60. On Wednedsay's PM trip Matt French bagged a 10 lbs. 4 ox. blackfish. On Saturday's AM trip Phil Bell bagged a 3 lb. flattie and on Saturdays's PM trip JOe Shannon Jr. hoisted a 2 lb. 9 oz. pool fish. Sunday AM trip had Steve Bagnasgo with a 2¼ lb. pool winner and on the PM trip, the same size fish tool the pool for Susan Braunstein. The ebb was best in the early week and the flood was best on the weekend. Ron says the boat will stay with flounder as they are red hot now. He also noted the boat will be sailing several liberty weekend specials and please call for details.

At **Scotty's Fishing Station** the report was of excellent flounder and fluke this past week in Reynolds plus small blues in Jones Inlet. Jim Castoldo bagged a 3½ lb. fluke between the station and Loop bridge in Reynolds, while Joe Mile had a 3 lber. in the same area, all on sand eels. Steve Grecedi nailed 7 fluke on killies and sand eels in the same area. The pole 17 area produced flounder to 2 lbs. on worm and mussel bait aboard the rental skiffs. Blackfish to 4 lbs. on fiddlers at the loop and Big M bridges. Blues on the AM tides at the mouth of Jones, fish up to 3 lbs. Matthew and Andrew Doheny had a few of these bays blues on Friday on trolled Avas. Larger blues showing up offshore now.

Bill at **Ed's Fishing Station** told of very good fluking this weekend in Reynolds on incoming from the station to the loop bridge and from pole 17 to 20 on any combos including squid strips. Flounder action has taken an upswing at the CG Station, Swift Creek and west of the Big M on bloodworms and mussel chum. Blackfishing took a bit of a down turn but the Big M is still yielding bulldogs to 3 ½ lbs. Bay blues have been running wild through Reynolds and in Jones Inlet, also off the Lido tower.

The **Commodore** out of Island Park tells of a good fluke week with a good number of keepers. Over the three day weekend the morning fishing was the best. Lots of throwbacks with fares averaging 6 keepers a man. Action has been in the bay, from Jones to Debs and also further in the back, with plenty of action.

We hear from **Long Beach Boat Rentals** that fluke and flounder were excellent during the week with fluke at buoys 7, 3 and 1 on spearing, sand eels and squid, two hours all around the high. Flounder were a good item at buoy 5, helped by heavy mussel chumming. Oscar Brusic fishing with Frank and Don Durando (with oscar using a handline) accounted for 54 ling and sea bass to 4 lbs. working the buoy 4 wreck. Oscar was high hook. Magnolia pier has been excellent for fluke all weekend on spearing. Enough keepers on both tides.

In Franklin Square, Fred at **Cast-A-Way Bait and Tackle** told of the bay blues blitzing Jones and Debs Inlets. Small tins have been doing a job on these fish he siad. Flounder action was very good in the early part of the week off the Jones Beach piers and Reynolds. Large blues at 3 Sisters and the buoy 4 area offshore of Debs. Tom Contino and Fred caught and released 8 stripers from 7 to 15 lbs. working a local bridge on clam bellies. Saturday night 4 anglers working the buoy 4 area had 12 blues from 7 to 11 lbs. Fifteen year old Henry Silva had blues of 10 lb. 14 oz. and 11 lbs. 2 oz., all on bait and chum.

A call from Ronnie Lepper of the charter boat **Kim** out of Atlantic Beach told of spectacular bluefish action off all the beaches and inlets being caught on just about any method you'd care to employ. Ronnie also called the fluking very good with more keepers now than throwbacks and plenty of action. Ron said he still has a couple of Montauk giant tuna trips open for the month of July.

Richie Kean at **Beckmann's Tackle** told of plenty of flounder action off the CG Station and the Big M area on bloodworms. Fluking he said was very good all this past week with lots of throwbacks to contend with. Lots of bay blues on small jigs with tails and watch for the birds Blackfish tapering off on the inside. A 12 lb. 3 oz. weakfish was taken this week off the construction barges in Jones inlet on a drifted sand worm.

NEW YORK BIGHT

Vi at **Cross Bay Bait and Tackle** on Jamaica Bay told of continued good blackfishing off the North and South Channel bridges on fiddler and green crab. She also told of some fluke now being caught off the south channel bridge, along with bay blues which have been hitting bunker chunks and diamonds.

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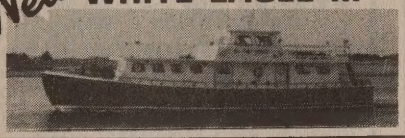
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Aboard the open boat **Pastime II** w which has switched to fluke, the skipper tells of decent fluke action mainly off the Rockaways with catches building on a daily basis as the water continues to warm. High hooks have been 4 to 5 keepers per half day trip. Monday's pool fish hits the scales at exactly 4 lbs., while Saturday's pool winner was a 2½ lber. Action has been on both tides on sand eel-squid combos.

The Wee Willie report from **Mike's Tackle** across from the fleet is of very good bluefishing day and night. Day fish are 3 to 5 lbers. with bigger fish at night. The **Helen H** and **Betty W. III** are making these trips and there are lots of blues around. Fluking has been spotty but fish are very good sized. On Saturday Tony Morelli weighed in a 5 lber. taken in the Sea Girt area. Flounder being taken on the mussel beds, with quantity and quality. Blackfishing has been fair. There's been very good striped bass action in the VZB area off the walkways on worms and bucktails. Don't forget, these fish must be released under penalty of stiff fines.

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bass caught, with lots of customers have 25 to 35 of these tasty sluggers from 1 to 2½ lbs. On Monday, it was sea bass and blackfish. Also, some big porgies were caught. The skipper said catches were very good most of the week on mixed bags of black, sea bass and porgies.

Captain Walt of the **Flamingo III** said that the bluefishing all this past week couldn't have been better with fares dragging off bags of blues. Fish have been averaging 3 to 5 lbs. with a few larger specimens all fallinbg to diamonds. Action has been from local waters to Jersey Beaches.

North Shore REPORT

with Mrs. Lorry Mangan

The full moon, decent weather, and the long holiday accounted for reports of fine fishing over the weekend. Blackfishing remains outstanding in the Sound, with bluefish and weaks taking some of the limelight. Cal weather afforded anglers very good snowshoe flounder action at Gardiner's. Porgies have come into the Peconics. Mackerel mysteriously showed up in the Sound.

WESTERN SOUND

The talk at **John's Gun and Tackle** in New Rochelle is blackfish, with the fishing continuing strong at Mattinecock Point for boaters. A few porgies have come into the area and flounder won't quit along the Connecticut shoreline. While bluefish are on top all over, they were a bit finicky and needed coaxing but hit trolled umbrella rigs, trolled single tubes and plugs. A few fluke were caught this weekend.

According to John at **Jack's Bait and Tackle** at City Island, skiffs are returning with "buckets of blackfish." Augusto, his wife Anna Maria, and Cosmos fished Pea Island using crabs for 56 blacks. Scott Lindsy bagged 60 blacks at Norwalk with three of the fish over 10 lbs.; one a whopping 12½ pounds! Scott fished with green crabs in 25 ft. of water. Some anglers tried bluefish. Larry Roofer and his brother stopped after jigging 46 blues in the 5-8 lb. range. Good flounder action continues at Half Moon Beach, Larchmont Harbor and off Norwalk Islands. The latter is a particular favorite of the head boats. Stripers of 7 to 12 lbs. converged in the area of the Light House at Execution Rock providing great catch and release action.

Captain Pete Anderson of the **North**

Star is concentrating his efforts on blacks and flounder, fishing the Conn. shoreline. Sunday's high hook was 15 flounder and 5 blackfish, with the pool won by Jerry Koziak of the Bronx with a bulldog of 11 lbs. One drop accounted for 50 porgies, indicating some interesting fishing coming up in the next couple of weeks. Scott Doros and Paul Coslett used green and fiddler crabs to take 65 blacks to 6 lbs. fishing off the bird sanctuary on "Shorty's Revenge."

Captain Dom Cerbone of the **Apache** is fishing mainly at Eatons Neck and Lloyds Harbor where a good concentration of flounder and blackfish remain. Average catch per man ranges from a half dozen blackfish in the 2 to 9 lb. range and 10 or so flounder. On a weekend trip, a half hour drift for bluefish resulted in 40 choppers pulled over the rail—most taking worms! Captain Dom is happy about a showing of porgies over the weekend.

John at **Glen Cove Sport Shop** spoke of "billions of blues all over the place." Schools of blues have been reported thick from Eaton's Neck, Lloyd and westwards and are in a feeding mood. Blackfish remain hot in all rocky places from beach and boat. Large pods of bunker and thick schools of sand eels have come into local harbors and beaches, especially Pryble Beach.

John has made more copies of the petition to amend the bass law to allow a recreational catch, and will mail them to interested persons and/or fishing clubs. Call him at (516) 676-7120.

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NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

Eileen, at **Greenlawn Sport Shop**, spoke of unexpected action with mackerel from the docks and beach at Centerport Harbor. Lots of 3 lb. macks were caught by flounder fishermen on worm bait! Blackfish remain strong on green crabs and worms by boat and beach. Fred Hutwagner used a green crab last week to pull in a 10½ lb. blackfish while fishing the Sound side of Sand City. A few flounder were also caught. Flounder remain steady at Duck Island and Hobart Beach, average size 3/4 to 1¼ lbs. Lots of blues in the vicinity of the Northport platform and a few fluke caught at the Centerport Beach.

Tom Bowman related that blues to 10 lbs. were caught by boatmen fishing east of the Eaton's Neck Coast Guard Station—the fish were on the surface; tins did the trick. A few weakfish were brought into **Bowman's Sporting Goods** over the weekend, by those successfully gettin their lures through the blues. Robert Cannon's weak checked in at 10 lbs. Clem Reska stopped at 50 blues. Surfcasters fishing Hobart Beach Saturday night were surprised when mackerel to 2 lbs. hit their baits. On the bay side of Hobart Beach, bluefish to 10 lbs., stripers and weakfish fed at dead low tide. Tom remarked that the fishing is "terrific, with all kinds of fish around." Blackfishing is just as productive by beach as boat, with many anglers switching to other species because their freezers are full. Some blacks from 8 -12 lbs have been reported over the weekend.

George Valentine of **Four Winds Bait and Tackle** in Huntington Station spoke of bluefish all over. Some hotspots included Eatons Neck, Marshall Field, the OB buoy to mid Sound, with fish taking trolled tubes, jigs, plugs. Weakfish have been caught at Cold Springs Harbor and Eaton's Neck. Lots of stripers around, taking all baits meants for other species. The area is thick with bait: bunker, sand eels, mackerel. A few fluke were caught by flounder fishermen drifting worms at Lloyds; keepers to 2½ lbs.!

Great blackfishing continues on rental skiffs from **Caraftis Fishing Station** in Port Jefferson, where many boats returned with anywhere from 2o to 30 blacks taking green and fiddler crabs as well as soft baits at Old Field and Cranes Neck. A few porgies showed up this weekend, with some sea bass. Several fluke in the 3½ to 4 lb. range were caught on an exploratory trip. Tim weighed in a 16 lb. weakfish reportedly caught off Cranes Neck by boat. Bluefish are solid from buoy 11 westward, with 2 to 8 lb. fish coming into PJ inlet on Sunday. A lot of mackerel were discovered off Shoreham.

Captain Roy Cash remarked on the excellent spring fishing in the Port Jefferson area. Blackfishing is very good; a few porgies have come into the area, a dozen or so sea bass included in the catch every day on the **Port Jeff Ace.** Some anglers armed with hermit crabs found large fish. On Friday, Robert Boasi's 10½ lb. blackfish took the pool; Saturday, Doug's 9½ lb. fish took the honors, with Carol Jaspers fish taking second. Captain Cash looks forward to a continuation of excellent bottom fishing.

While most regulars from **Warren's Archery and Fishing** in Selden had to attend to family duties this holiday weekend, one group did travel east to Gardiner's for a slow pick of flounder, the largest 2 lbs. 9 oz.

Mount Sinai based charter boats concentrated on blackfish this weekend. On Saturday 18 blackfish, some to 8½ lbs. were put into the fish box on the **Hawkeye**. Sunday's charter of women, arrange by Maryann Petrignani, caught 23 blackfish, many 7 and 8 lbs., with sea bass to 2½ lbs. and a few stray flounder. Captain Fred reported best action on the incoming tide, fishing the Shoreham pipelinje

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Ralph Davenport, at **Ralph's Fishing Station** in Mt. Sinai, spoke of very good fishing with lots of blackfish mixed with big porgies along the beach in about 15 feet of water. Flounder remain off Belle Terre Beach to the west. Very good blackfish action is concentrated from shore, from Cedar Beach eastward with surf-bound anglers putting many into their buckets, along with small blues. A few blackfish were picked up at the Middle Grounds (Stratford Shoals).

Bill at the **Rocky Point Fishing Stop**, told of good blackfishing continuing on the Shoreham pipeline. On Saturday, Don Snider, Rich Pubel and E.J. Korf returned with 35 blackfish, top weight 8½ lbs., using green and fiddler crabs. Beach bound anglers are doing well, with Sal "The Baron of Broadway" catching all he could carry back of blackfish, blues and flounder fishing the foot of Broadway. Hageman Landing Beach is another hotspot.

National Safe Boating Week will be celebrated at Port Jefferson Town Marina from June 1st to June 7th with exhibits and demonstrations daily from Noon to 6PM. Booths and demonstrations in boat safety, fire fighting, first aid, boat inspections, etc., will be provided by the Old Field Point Power Squadron, U.S. Power Squadron, Port Jefferson Fire Department and Port Jefferson Volunteer Ambulance Corps. Call Jim Gorman at (516) 928-3954 for information.

NORTH FORK

Captain Bob Ceglowski reports excellent blackfishing on last weekend, with many large fish taking all baits: hermit crabs, worms and clams, on the **Capt. Bob** on the weekend. On a charter on Friday, arranged by Rosemarie Fedorco of Manorville, the pool fish, over 8 lbs., was caught by Don Falkner. Rosemarie was high hook with 12 blacks, and reported a by-catch of sea bass, porgy and flounder with all blackfish in the 5 to 8 lb. range. Saturday's trip had many blacks in the 7 to 9 lb. range. John Mutone of St. James had an 8½ lb. black. Sunday's charter with the Underwriter Labs of Melville was even better with many double headers, again mixed with sea bass. Best action was reported to be on the flood tide. Bluefish were noted at Mattituck Inlet.

Liz, at the **Mattituck Fishing Station** (Charly's) spoke of good blackfishing on rental skiffs fishing the rocky areas off the Firing Range. A few sea bass added variety to the catch.

Howard, at the **Mattituck Inlet Fishing Station** (Peterson's) reported good blackfishing at the Northville Pipeline and at the Beachcomber Motel with many skiffs returning with

coolers full of blacks some to nine pounds in weight. One boat ran into bluefish straight out of the inlet, loading up with thirty blues in the three to four pound range in short order. There are rumors of a few fluke at Horton's Point.

George, at **Warren's Tackle Center** in **Aquebogue** reported on a mixed bag both in the Peconics and in the Sound. With flounder on the downslide in the Sound, blackfish, a smattering of porgies, bluefish and a few fluke have picked up the slack. Peconic porgies made an appearance at Robin's Island over the weekend, with a pick of blackfish at New Suffolk. Weakfish catches slowed this past weekend, perhaps due to the full moon. However, some weaks were caught at the South Race and Roses Grove with one of ten pounds reported. Bluefish are all over the bays from the mouth of the River eastwards to Orient.

Final results of the recent Annual Weakfish Tournament held by the Riverhead Sportsman's Club include: first place with a fifteen pound six ounce tiderunner by Tim Kelvas, second place went to Henry Miller with a fourteen pound two ounce weakfish, third place was taken by Ray Theilberg with a fish of thirteen pounds thirteen ounces, fourth by Paul Kaloski with one of thirteen pounds eleven ounces. Fred Krokus caught the heaviest fish in the senior citizen division, eleven pounds two ounces. Connie Petit took the women's award with her ten pound two ounce fish. Eight year old Erik Henrikson won the junior division with a tiderunner of twelve pounds eight ounces. Thirty-two prizes (cash, trophies, gift certificates) were awarded in all at a party following the weekend tournament. one hundred and ninety anglers participated in the tournament this year.

Anglers from **Captain Marty's Fishing Station** in **New Suffolk** found weakfish a bit slow this past weekend, however, were encouraged by the first signs of porgies in South Race and Roses Grove according to Mrs. Loria. A highlight of the weekend's catch was an eight pound fluke caught on one of the rental skiffs. Bluefish are roaming the area, providing lots of fun.

Captain Pete Izzo of the charter boat **Boanne II** had pretty good flounder fishing at Gardiner's Island (Tobaccolot Bay and the Ruins) last week. Last Monday, a group from the North Bellmore Post Office bagged sixty-six flounder. On Sunday the Astoria Fishing Club put fifty-five flatties in the cooler. Elaborating on the latter trip, Captain Pete stated that some flounder pushed the three pound mark on the scale and that nine blackfish, most in the five pound range were also caught. Captain Izzo saw a catch of fluke from two to five and a half pounds made from a marina boat at the Brickyards and stated that bluefish are all over the bay.

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Ace, at **Port of Egypt Marina** reported weakfish from six to twelve pounds mixed with blues caught southwest of Jessups Neck and in the Brickyards. An angler on a trailored boat, using ultra light tackle used red jellyworms to take four weakfish and a couple of blues on Sunday. An occasional fluke has been caught from the South Race, some at Greenlawns. Rumors of fluke off Hortons Point will probably send some anglers there this week. Loads of blues were caught in Southold Bay off Cedar Beach mainly on trolled umbrella rigs. Flounder catches were reported at Petty's Bight (fish to one and a half pounds), at Tobaccolot Bay and the south side of Plum Island. Lots of bluefish off the Ruins at Gardiner's, according to Ace.

While slower weakfish catches were the norm this past weekend (attributed to a full moon and boat traffic), a few catches were made on private craft and reported to us. On Saturday, Steve Spinnelli used jigs and bait for four weaks, his friend Bill Sutorius had an eight pound weak plus two fluke, fishing at Jessups, South Race, and Roses Grove. Bob McKee, on his boat Cathy-0-4, checked a twelve pound weakfish into **Ralph's Fishing Station**. Captain Anthony Taverna on his trailored boat "Tiderunner" jigged five weaks at first light at Jessups Saturday.

Captain Larry Ciccotto of the open boat **Prime Time III** reported very big flounder at Gardiner's, particularly on the weekend with Sunday's pool fish three and a half pounds caught at Eastern Plains Point in fourty feet of water. Blackfish to eight pounds have become a routine catch now. Larger flounder have been taken off Eastern Plains Point, with smaller flatties at the Ruins. Captain Ciccotto will concentrate on blackfish on Mondays while floundering the rest of the week, through June.

Captain Dave Brennan reported good flounder fishing on the **Peconic Star** all week, despite heavy boat traffic, Saturday's trip saw at least three flatties over three pounds brought aboard. However, blackfish are winning the pool every day. Best flounder catches have been made off Green Hills and Eastern Plains Point. Captain Dave asked me to remind you that this weekend will be his last flounder trips, since he will switch to porgies soon. Call him for a starting date on porgies.

Captain Larry Porter had success with porgies on the **Brand X** until moon tides and boat traffic on the weekend held down the catch. Thursday and Friday were particularly good days with humpbacks to two and a half pounds pulled over the rails with many two pound sea bass. On Friday, a few sharpies filled their buckets with scup. While the porgies are spawning now, the coming week should see them go into a feeding frenzy, according to Captain Porter. Night weakfish trips have provided good action, with anywhere from thirty to fifty weakfish boated, with a many bluefish and porgies. These trips will continue at least through mid-June.

Captain Charlie Nappi will be a guest on Lorry Mangan's Long Island Fishing program, Friday at 7:30 pm to talk about methods of catching big fluke. Captain Nappi will also draw for the winners of hundreds of dollars of Captain John Sekora bluefish trolling lures and jigs, fluke tackle and Berkley products. The program is aired on WLIG-TV, channel 55, and can be seen with and without cable hook-up (except Cablevision).

Surf REPORT

with Fred Golofaro

Some solid surf action has been underway for several weeks as hordes of small bluefish (1-3 pounds) have kept casters entertained at South Shore inlets. Many small stripers have also been showing up along the sand beaches.

More recently, the same schools of choppers have turned up along many North Shore beaches. Weakfish have joined the fray in some parts of the Sound with tiderunners "picked" from a number of beaches. The heaviest concentration of weaks appears to be located in the Smithtown Bay area. Some fine fishing occurred near the eastern reaches of the Bay this past week and as recently as Monday (Memorial Day) night.

Earlier in the month, plenty of school bass roamed the North Shore. This fishing has tapered off in some areas but stripers remain fairly plentiful at most of the major pints for casters working after dark.

Our first surf report of the season revealed the following:

Out in Montauk, Johnny Kronuch of **Johnny's Tackle Shop** remarked that locals have had some action with small bass as long as winds stay out of the east. A few fish up front (rumors of a "20" taken Saturday night) under the light, at Jones Reef and False Bar. Shagwong was crowded with holiday campers who did very little serious fishing after dark. John noted that the beach here is in good shape.

Over at **J & J Tackle** in **Patchogue**, Paul Graniello had little to report in the way of local surf news primarily

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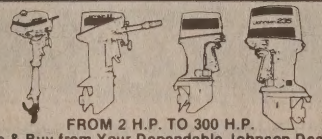

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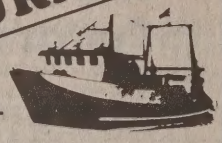

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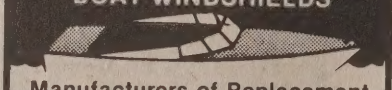

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because of the closing of Smith Point's beaches west of Moriches Inlet due to storm erosion. He did have some encouraging reports from the opposite side of the Island. Monday night (5/26) Ozzie Van Helmond and Gary Hall worked the stretch of beach near Stony Brook and put away 10 weaks up to 12.8 pounds. They also caught and released several stripers up to 12 or so pounds. Bill Worbleski used a yellow HelCat Saturday night to land his first bass over 24". He caught and released his fish at Sunken Meadow State Park.

From Carl Miller at **Smokey's Tackle Shop** in **Bay Shore** came word of an 11 pound weakfish taken by Richie Gutman. Richie took the fish on a 007 jig from Callahan's Beach near Northport.

Word from Noel Kappauf at **Captree Bait and Tackle** was that casters enjoyed many good innings with small blues along Cedar Beach this past week. 007 and A-17 jigs with red or white tubes seem to work best on the fish though they are far from fussy. He also added that a bluefish blitz on the Robert Moses Fishing Piers late last week left a number of fluke and blackfish anglers pleasantly surprised.

Tom Healy at **Augie's Tackle Shop** in **Babylon** weighed a 12¼ pound weak taken by Phil Jacobs Wednesday night. This fish too was a North Shore import. It was taken on a HelCat at Sunken Meadow. Tom weighed another impressive weak from this area Monday morning. It weighed 12.7 pounds and was taken on a yellow dropper by a caster who preferred anonymity. He also knew of lots of small blues taken at Democrat Point Monday morning and he himself got in on some bluefish action along the Rocky Point shore Friday evening. Sunday evening, Don Lander and Artie and Chris Thompson counted over 50 blues for their efforts in the Cedar Beach/Sore Thumb area.

Further west, Bobby Turturello painted a similar picture of lots of small blues being taken on tins in Jones Inlet and along the ocean beach. 007 and A-17 jigs as well as Charlie Grave's models J-4 and J-5 have been very effective in the early morning and evening hours. There has been an occasional kingsize chopper taken on bait along the oceanfront of parking field 6 and West End. Lots of short bass in the Jones Beach/Jones Inlet area being caught and released according to Bobby.

Up on the North Shore, John at **Glen Cove Sport Shop** spoke of lots of blues along area beaches. Locals Ron Oldenberg, Artie Mills and "Meat Johnson" fished Mattinecock Point Thursday night and had all the bluefish action they wanted on small jigs and tins. They also landed and released more than a dozen stripers.

From George Valentine at **Four Winds Tackle** in **Huntington** came word of plenty of bluefish action along the beaches in his area. He

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named Caumsett, Ashroken, Crab Meadow and Sunken Meadow as being especially productive. A few weaks have been taken from the Cold Spring Harbor shore as well as at Sunken Meadow. Casters also reported catching and releasing lots of school stripers up to 10 pounds. John Schauer had 4 bass to 26" and a couple dozen bluefish at Sunken Meadow Friday evening.

Stan Hentschel, who always manages to squeeze in some fishing time between the chores of running his **Rocky Point Fishing Stop**, hailed this spring as the best for surf fishing he has ever seen in 25 years of fishing. Bass have been all over area beaches including a good number over 24". Blues are thick along the beaches as well particularly in the early morning or evening hours. The best bassing is done after dark. The big news however, has been the return of weakfish to the area. They provided several good innings for casters during the past week. Last Wednesday night saw Stan click with weaks of 11½ and 12½ pounds among his catch. John Padaluano accounted for 9 tiderunners. Red Gill teasers and feather droppers have been accounting for most of the weaks and bass with small tins best for the blues. Stan also knew of one caster who caught and released bass of 10, 15 and 25 pounds from a beach in the Northport area over the weekend.

Freshwater REPORT
with Tom Schlichter

Beautiful weather over Memorial Day weekend prompted plenty of anglers to break out their tackle and head for the water. Most were well rewarded as pickerel, bass and panfish were all in a feeding mood

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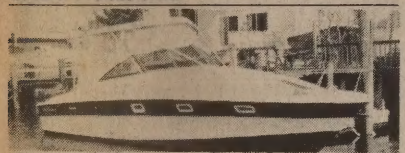

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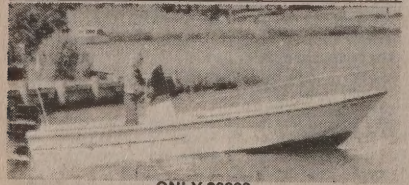

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MAKO 21' 175 hp Johnson, Shoreline trailer. Radio & recorder & extras. $9500. 718-891-1747.

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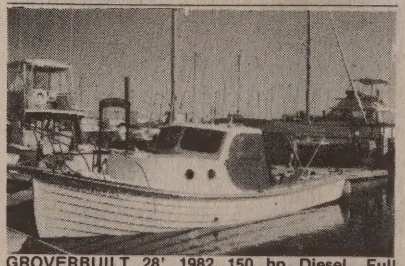

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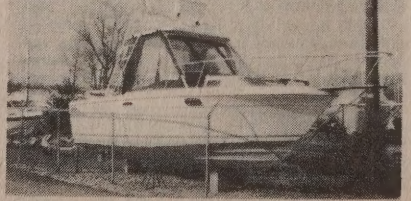

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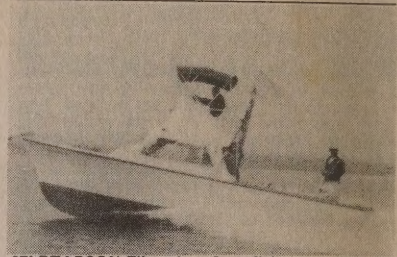

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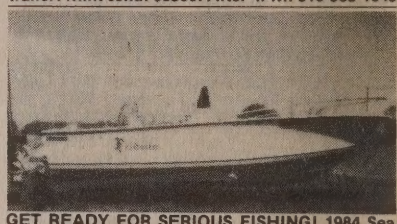
12' ELI fiberglass boat, Dilly trailer. Very good cond. $550. Wkdys. 4-8PM: 718-643-0581.

CRUISERS 75 Bonanza 21' 115 Evinrude, VHF, DF, P/T, cuddy cabin. Camper canvas, twin axle trailer. Mint cond. $8500. After 4PM: 516-938-1649



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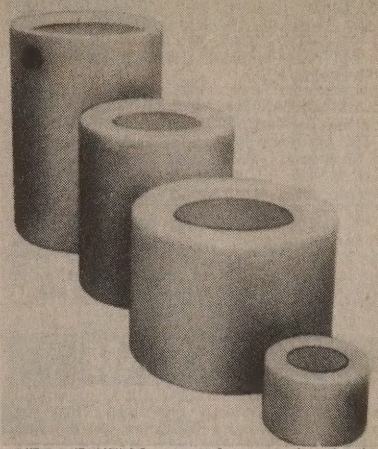

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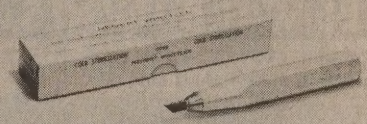

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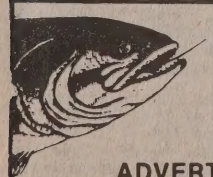

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despite relatively heavy angler pressure. Trout were the only disappointment this week, becoming much more selective than they have been on most of the stocked lakes and ponds.

Fred Mello of **Cast-A-Way Bait and Tackle** in **Floral Park**, reported hearing of some very good catch and release fishing for bass and pickerel in Hempstead Lake. Fred has also heard that several anglers have broken off tiger muskies. Over at Lake Success, local youths have been using killies to score well with smallmouth bass.

From **Beckmann's Bait and Tackle** in **Lynbrook**, Charlie Beckmann noted that this week's fishing hasn't changed much from last week's. Still plenty of bass and pickerel at Hempstead Lake and an uncomfirmed rumor has it that a tiger muskie was landed here measuring close to fourty inches long. Killies and plugs are both working well but anglers need to wade to get in on the hottest action. Over in the brackish water near the Rockville Center Mill Pond, light tackle fanatics have been enjoying some fast action with small stripers.

From Mike Nicoletti of **Causeway Bait and Tackle** in **Wantagh**, we hear of some really good action with pickerel at the Twin Lakes. Most of the pickerel are falling between twelve and fifteen inches with a few smaller or larger. Best action is just after sun up and just prior to sunset. Lowel Eidman nailed a twenty-five inch pickerel at the South Lake on a killie and also took a few bluegills and crappies. Speaking of panfish, crappie fishing has slowed considerably but some really big bluegills are filling in the gap. Mike told us he saw several bluegills in the ten to eleven inch range and, surprisingly, most of the biggest ''gills'' were taken on small live killies!

Mike Andreani of **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle** reports that on Friday, thirteen year old Billy Jentz traveled to Southard's Pond in Babylon where he nailed a twenty-four inch pickerel. Saturday and Sunday were ''super'' days for bass at Southard's. John Obedzinski used a fly rod and small poppers to take several fish in the two pound class while other anglers using killies scored just as well.

A call to Tom Healy of **Augie's Bait and Tackle, Babylon**, confirmed the hot pickerel fishing in Southard's Pond. Tom added that bass fishing in local lakes has been hot as well. Benny Mahler worked Hawley's Pond in Babylon on Sunday and caught and released several fish in the two pound class.

From **Pine Grove Outfitters**, Fred Kruse spoke of good catfishing on the bottom and excellent white perch action on top. In between, a fair number of largemouth bass were also taken. Quite a few bass and panfish are up on the spawning beds now.

Over at **J&R Sports Center** in **Oakdale**, Rod reports that action in the park and at Bubbles Falls is consistent as usual. Fifteen year old Ron Pantal checked in the freshwater catch of the week, a twenty-two and a half inch, five pound brown trout taken on a worm in Rattlesnake Creek. Not too much action otherwise.

Although Paul Graniello of **J&J Bait and Tackle** in **Patchogue**, had no specifics to report, he noted that this past week witnessed some fine pickerel action in Cannon Lake, Lace Mill Pond and Tuthills Creek. A lot of bass were taken in the same locations. Trout slowed considerably over the last few days. The fish have become rather selective and seem to be taking mostly flies. Grey or blue patterns have been working best.

From the **Fisherman's Deli** in **Riverhead**, George Devlin called the fishing ''a little slow'' but noted that regulars to the area are still scoring consistently. As evidence, George offered the catch of Bob Bliss and Steve Jackson who teamed up on Sunday to take nine pickerel to five and a half pounds and eight bass in the two pound range. On Monday, the two returned for an added dose of action, taking six more pickerel in the two pound class.

The bass were so intent on committing suicide this week that your's truely even got in a few good innings. On Sunday morning, I teamed up with Tony DelGiorno for an enjoyable outing. Between us, we caught and released over thirty bass on a small east end pond. Most of the fish were in the ten to thirteen inch range and black or purple jellyworms were the key.

Looking upstate, Ken Josephson of **Crazy Cheif's Ski and Sport**, gave a call to let us all know that quite a few anglers are limiting out on trout in the waters of the Scurykill River. Saturday may have been the best day of the year so far for these anglers as the trout were responding well to night crawlers and flies. Joseph Medicci from New Rochelle checked in a thirteen and a half inch brookie on Sunday.

From **Odessey Charters** in **Rochester**, Captain Bill Johnson reports steelhead action just getting under way at the surface in 180 to 240 feet of water. Fourty-six degree water and orange or chartruse lures run on planer boards about a hundred feet behind the boat seem to be working best. In the same waters, but ten to fifteen feet below the surface, are some fine king salmon to twenty pounds. Closer to shore, in fifty-two degree water off the stream mouths, brown trout are treating anglers to some top notch action. One trip this week produced twenty-two trout to about ten pounds while another boat working the same water took a twenty pounder.

High Tide Tables

How to use tide tables: To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion table. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that area station above. Example: Shinnecock Inlet . . .—0 50 is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." —0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	BREAKWATER HARBOR AM	BREAKWATER HARBOR PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGEPORT AM	BRIDGEPORT PM	NEWPORT AM	NEWPORT PM	DATE
THURS.	1:00	1:40	1:45	2:25	1:45	2:25	2:30	3:25	4:55	5:50	4:25	5:05	12:50	1:30	5/29
FRI.	1:55	2:40	2:45	3:30	2:40	3:20	3:40	4:30	6:10	6:55	5:30	6:10	1:50	2:30	5/30
SAT.	2:55	3:40	3:50	4:35	3:30	4:20	4:50	5:30	7:20	7:50	6:35	7:10	2:50	3:25	5/31
SUN.	3:55	4:30	4:50	5:30	4:30	5:15	5:50	6:25	8:20	8:45	7:40	8:00	3:50	4:20	6/1
MON.	4:50	5:25	5:50	6:20	5:30	6:05	6:50	7:10	9:15	9:30	8:35	8:55	4:45	5:10	6/2
TUES.	5:40	6:10	6:40	7:10	6:25	6:50	7:40	7:50	10:00	10:20	9:25	9:40	5:35	5:55	6/3
WED.	6:30	6:50	7:30	7:45	7:10	7:35	8:25	8:30	10:50	11:00	10:10	10:20	6:20	6:40	6/4
THURS.	7:15	7:30	8:10	8:25	7:55	8:10	9:00	9:05	11:30	11:40	10:50	11:00	7:00	7:20	6/5

On Sandy Hook

STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	—0 01
Red Bank, Navesink River	+1 48
Long Branch	—0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	—0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	—0 12
Seaside Park	—0 33
Mantoloking bridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	—0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	—0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	—0 26
Great Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 44
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNSENDS INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	—0 02
Rehobeth Beach	—0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 41
SHINNECOCK INLET	—0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	—0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Hart's Cove	+1 30
Pontunk Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	—0 38
Democrat Point	—0 38
Coast Guard Station	—0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3 39
Heckscher State Park	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	—0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	—0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	0 00
Beach Channel Bridge	+0 38
J.F.K. Airport	+0 26

On Bridgeport

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	+0 08
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Hbr. entrance	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0 05
Herod Point	—0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 05
Horton Point	—0 20
Truman Beach	—0 42
Falkner Island	—0 13
Sachem Head	—0 10
Branford Harbor	—0 07
New Haven Harbor entrance	—0 08
Milford Harbor	—0 07
Stratford, Housatonic River	+0 27
Shelton, Housatonic River	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor entrance	—0 03
Saugatuck River entrance	—0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	—0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On New London

Orient	+0 36
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Three Mi. Hbr., Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land, Napeague Bay	—0 14
Montauk Inlet	—0 25
Montauk Point, north side	—1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington, Fishers Is. Sound	—0 33
Noank, Mystic River ent.	—0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove entrance	—0 01
Norwich	+0 12
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook Jetty	+1 10
Lyme, highway bridge	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On Willets Point

Little Neck Bay	—0 10
Execution Light	0 06
Manhasset Bay	—0 01
Hempstead Harbor	—0 11
City Island	—0 03
Rye Beach	—0 28
Port Chester	—0 09
Mamaroneck	—0 08
New Rochelle	—0 24
Davids Island	—0 02

On Breakwater Harbor

CAPE MAY POINT	—0 10
Miami Beach	+0 17
East Pt., Maurice River Cove	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	—0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River entrance	+0 33

On New York

Jersey City	+0 07
George Washington Bridge	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil, W/RR bridge	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburgh	+3 42

On Newport

Sakonnet	—1 10
Tiverton (between bridges)	+0 21
Beavertail Point	—0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Point	+1 10
Bristol	+1 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayatt Point	+0 12
Pawtucket, Seekonk River	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	—0 08
Point Judith Hbr. of Refuge	—0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Block Island (Old Harbor)	—0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 5/29	5:29	8:26
FRI. 5/30	5:28	8:27
SAT. 5/31	5:28	8:28
SUN. 6/1	5:27	8:29
MON. 6/2	5:27	8:30
TUE. 6/3	5:26	8:31
WED. 6/4	5:25	8:32

Moonrise/Moonset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 5/29	1:00AM	11:30AM
FRI. 5/30	1:42AM	12:40PM
SAT. 5/31	2:11AM	1:45PM
SUN. 6/1	2:32AM	2:49PM
MON. 6/2	2:52AM	3:51PM
TUE. 6/3	3:13AM	4:53PM
WED. 6/4	3:34AM	5:55PM

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6/4	6/11	6/18	6/26

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The major periods begin at the time shown and last for 1½ to 2 hours thereafter, and are in the bold typeface. The minor periods are shorter in duration and the lighter typeface.

	AM		PM	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Thurs.	11:30	**5:20**	11:50	**5:35**
Fri.	—	**6:05**	12:15	**6:25**
Sat.	12:40	**6:45**	12:55	**7:05**
Sun.	1:20	**7:25**	1:35	**7:45**
Mon.	2:00	**8:00**	2:10	**8:20**
Tues.	2:35	**8:40**	2:50	**9:00**
Wed.	3:15	**9:15**	3:25	**9:35**
Thurs.	3:50	**9:55**	4:05	**10:20**

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